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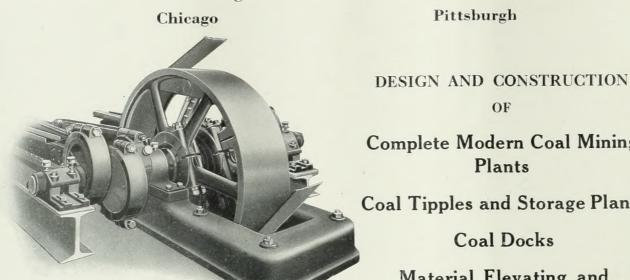
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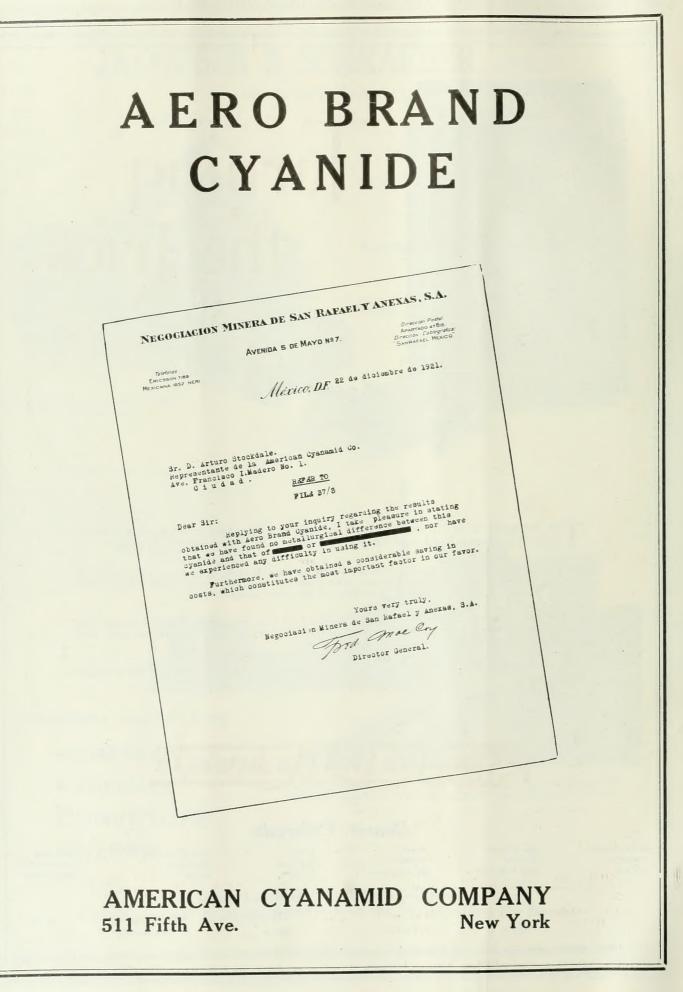
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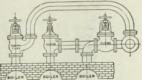
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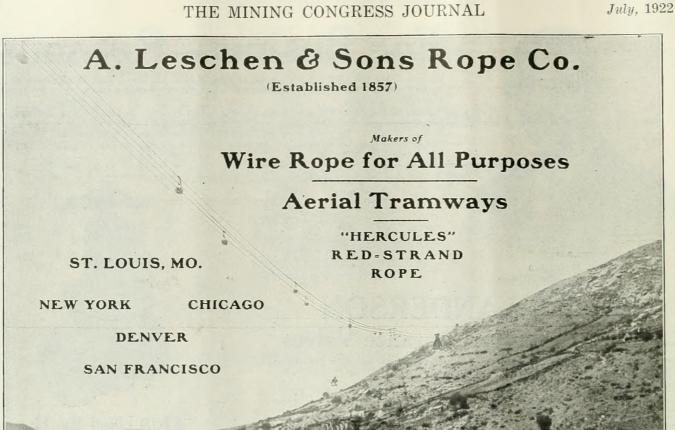
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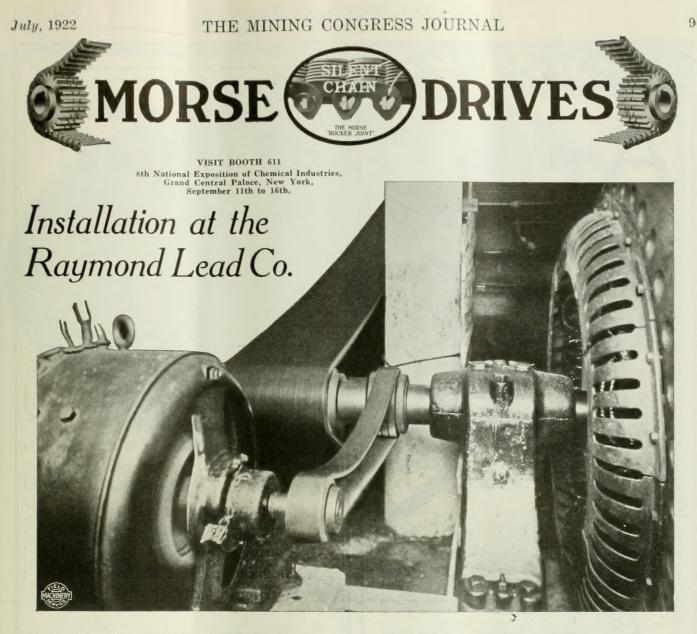


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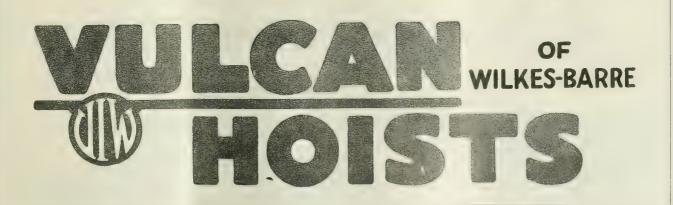
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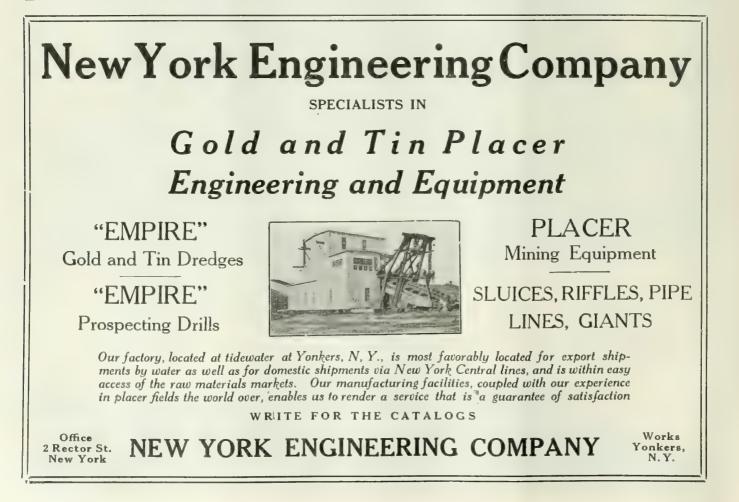
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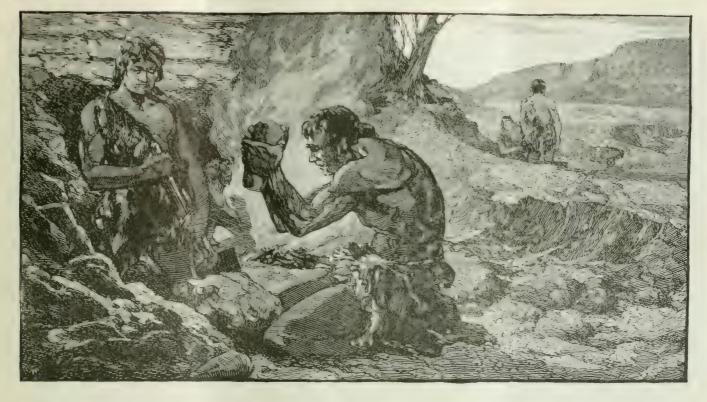
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### ORGANIZED LABOR ON TRIAL

HE PECULIARLY brutal outrages at Herrin, Illinois, furnish but another illustration of the criminal tendency of organized labor as it now functions. This tendency grows out of the theory that any man has a right to employment. The fact is that Gompers has no more right to demand employment of Gary, than Gary has a right to demand that Gompers furnish employment to him. When this truth is accepted, a better basis will have been established. No man has a right to a job except under contract, which means a mutual agreement between the parties interested. Industrial crimes follow closely upon the pernicious and illogical premise that "labor is not a commodity"; that labor cannot be bought and sold; because he who sells his service is not the subject of barter. A sale of the man himself would be slavery; the sale of his service is a legitimate business transaction. Service is bartered, sold or exchanged, either for the product of that labor in which the worker employs himself and disposes of his product when he may, or to another who pays money for the service and undertakes to dispose of the product so as to effect a return of his investment and a profit when possible. The hope of profit is the usual incentive for investment of the wages paid. In either case not the man, but the service which he sells is a commodity. The insidious propaganda that labor is not a commodity has a diabolically ulterior purpose which strikes at the root of government. That purpose is to make it possible for organized labor to create a labor trust through which it can control all employment.

If labor is not a commodity the anti-trust and conspiracy laws do not apply to its activities. It may, through the combined action of many, do things which two or more persons may not join in doing as to commodities without being guilty of conspiracy. In other words upon this theory the mob may do everything except commit crime without liability and may create conditions which make it impossible to convict the actual criminals, when the usual and almost inevitable wholesale slaughter and destruction of property follow.

Organized labor demands a result which can only be secured through crime; demands the acceptance of theories which make immune from the law all of the preliminary preparation for crime and by the very number of those who take part in the criminal acts makes conviction impossible. First, organized labor by concerted action (conspiracy) orders a strike which cannot succeed except by preventing all others from doing the work which the strikers abandon.

Second, when others undertake to perform the work, they are called "scabs" and subjected to such indignities as are designed to prevent them from working, which indignities in the Herrin case did not stop when the men had been murdered. Third, in most cases the power of organized labor, its influence on juries, its threats of violence to the courts, prevents conviction for such crimes and, in such rare instances as a conviction is secured, a nation-wide propaganda is carried on to secure pardon, and to excite the sympathy of the public upon the ground that the conviction was "framed," and that the so-called victim is being "railroaded" to punishment to satisfy the powerful enemies of organized labor. The reader will recall the cases of Haywood, the McNamaras, Mooney, and many others.

These conditions are the rule in the conduct of strikes. Organized labor always attempts to justify itself by laying the blame on strike breakers and mine guards. And who are these strike breakers? Men who are trying to earn a living for themselves, and their families, as every citizen has a right to do, without which right, every citizen is a slave. And, who are these mine guards? Men employed to guard property against vandals who seek to burn or dynamite it; men who are exercising the privilege, which is guaranteed by the Constitution, of liberty to sell their service to those who desire to buy it upon terms mutually satisfactory. Think of the crimes directly caused by organized labor's determination to prevent non-union men from earning a livelihood! Think of the Coeur d'Alene trouble, of the Cripple Creek war, the Colorado coal strike, the Goldfield, Nevada, trouble, the structural steel workers' nation-wide destruction of property and life under the direction of the McNamaras, culminating in the dynamiting of the Times building in Los Angeles, the almost continuous West Virginia trouble, and lastly, Herrin, Illinois, the most ghastly of all. These are but few of the many illustrations, and as a culmination of hellishness in a camp which should be horror-stricken rather than jubilant is the crudely lettered sign, "Twenty-five scabs are dead; nine are in the hospital, and the mine is closed. The striking miners' prayers are answered." The striking miner's prayer that vengeance shall come upon any-one who takes "his job." Why his job? Because it was his until he struck to force a contract upon terms not satisfactory to and subversive of the rights of the other party. But in the holy name of organized labor all these erimes are to be justified.

### COOPERATIVE BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

OW FAR the government should go in the regulation of business is a question that legislators have been endeavoring to solve for a quarter of a century. It is certain that economic and efficient operation of large business combinations, such as the railroads and the merchant marine, can never be secured under government ownership and management. Despite this fact, maximum results in the commercial development of the country will not obtain until large business interests are permitted to unite in order to eliminate waste in production and distribution, and this raises the question of whether or not government supervision is necessary. Inability of large commercial interests to unite the agencies of production, transportation and distribution without violating the anti-trust laws or the Federal Trade Act is largely responsible for the present high cost of living and high cost of everything else to the consumer.

The advantages of cooperative combinations both to the small producer and the consuming public are well illustrated by the success which has been achieved by such organizations as the various California fruit exchanges. These organizations, exempted from the binding provisions of the Sherman law, have been able to develop scientific and efficient methods for the effective distribution of the output of a great body of scattered producers, and their work has tended to lower costs. The success of these efforts, in fact, was the primary reason for the recent passage of the cooperative marketing bill making possible the same combinations for agricultural producers.

Under these circumstances, is it not reasonable to believe that a modification of the Sherman law as applied to industry would, under proper supervision, result in greater efficiency and lower costs in the production of many products? As the law stands, the only method by which necessary economies can be secured is through the actual merging of individual industrial concerns into great combinations of concentrated wealth. A proper modification of the Sherman law would make it possible to secure the benefit of cooperative combinations without the necessity of an outright sale of industrial properties. The provisions of the Sherman law, as they now stand, therefore, not only tend to prevent the application of modern and efficient methods to industry, but they actually defeat the aims of the law itself.

The elimination of waste and the introduction of economy through combinations of enterprises dependent upon each other, will insure conservation and promote the public interest. Therefore, the time is opportune for the government to take a forward step in cooperative business administration by providing an amendment to existing laws which will permit any consolidation of business enterprises in production, transportation and distribution when the public interest will be served thereby, such measure to be accomplished under proper supervision. The essence of such a plan would be the public interest. There is every reason why the government should function helpfully in matters of business and provide means to establish confidence between the government and business interests. The government would, under such a plan, intervene in the affairs of business only in a constructive way.

Probably the most important factors which enter into the cost of any commodity are those of transportation and distribution. The reason these elements of cost are so great is that these agencies are usually completely divorced. If an industry could go to the government with a bona fide proposal for the consolidation of all facilities for production, transportation and distribution needed for the promotion of that industry and could show that such consolidation would facilitate production, prevent waste, reduce costs, eliminate duplication, and expedite delivery to the ultimate consumer, all of which would be in the public interest, government agencies should have the authority, after appropriate investigation, to allow such consolidation to be made.

In former years, production was accomplished in small volume at high unit cost, while distribution was relatively local and distribution costs relatively low. Today, we have a reversal of the situation of a quarter of a century ago with mass production at small cost and national distribution at high cost to the consumer. It seems highly probable that if Congress should amend existing laws so that consolidations could be made, whenever in the public interest, without violating the antitrust laws, great economies could be effected both in production and in distribution. Improvement in productive and distributive processes with consequent reduction in costs to the consumer cannot occur as the result of legislation except in so far as legislation may help to set in motion economic forces to this end.

### THE SHIP SUBSIDY

ONSIDERATIONS of an imperative nature prompted the House Committee on the Merchant Marine to recommend the passage of the bill providing for payment of a subsidy to promote and maintain the American Merchant Marine. The urgent need for a measure which will insure economic and defensive safety to the nation in time of peace as well as in time of war has never been more apparent than now. Truly it has been said that "a nation's merchant vessels are its peace-time commercial agents and its war-time naval auxiliaries." There can be no question raised concerning the need for a well-balanced national merchant marine. Development of our national resources and our commerce must continue, our naval strength must be kept secure, and the merchant marine is one of the most vital agencies necessary to these ends.

What plan offers greater possibilities for complete success than the subsidy? Certainly not government operation, for that plan has already proved an appalling source of extravagance in the expenditure of public funds. Certainly private operation cannot be successful in competition with the strong subsidized merchant marines of other countries, without government support. Certainly privately-owned vessels with limited capital cannot operate profitably if government operation, with unlimited capital, is continued, and the nation cannot afford to drive its privately-owned ships off the seas. Government operation lacks private initiative. Private operation insures increased efficiency. All of these considerations lead directly to the conclusion that private operation with government aid is desirable. The measure contains ample safeguards surrounding the use of public funds and provides for the return to the Treasury of compensation not needed by any vessel or where a vessel's profits are in excess of a certain percentage.

The nation cannot afford to permit its commerce to be carried in foreign-owned vessels. Past experience has proved conclusively that dependence upon foreign shipping to carry our products into the markets of the World results in our surplus production being stacked up along railroads and on wharves and docks, deteriorating and rotting, whenever the foreign producer desires to have first entry into those markets. We have no right to expect nor should we hope that foreign-owned vessels will at any time give efficient service and make prompt deliveries of our freight to our customers abroad when the commerce of the nation whose flag they fly will thereby be in any way handicapped or restricted.

American ships flying the American flag should ply the sea lanes and engage in the carrying trade of the world in free competition with privately-owned vessels of other nations, unhandicapped by foreign subsidies, and ready for purposes of national defense in any emergency which may arise. The United States should never be permitted to lapse to the pre-war standard as a maritime nation. Never again should the nation be humiliated by the dictation of foreign governments as to what goods shall be carried, how, and when, at fabulous and excessive rates. Never again, as during the war, should our naval strength be jeopardized by the weakness of our merchant marine. The ship subsidy bill should be passed. The country should not be compelled to bear longer the burden of mistakes and folly of shortsighted policies.

### **MUSCLE SHOALS DEVELOPMENT**

**D** EVELOPMENT of the water power at Muscle Shoals is an undertaking which the whole country desires to see successfully accomplished. Seldom has any matter pending before Congress received such wide publicity as has this proposition. This publicity has been inspired in part by the proposal made by Mr. Henry Ford to purchase the government's interests and lease the water power for a period of 100 years, and by persistent reports that he contemplates the manufacture of fertilizer for sale at low cost to the farmer. The terms and conditions of the proposal have not been subjected to rigid analysis by the public, and the country little understands what it is that Mr. Ford is offering to do, or what amount he proposes to pay for this plant that has been erected at enormous expense to the taxpayers.

The facts are thoroughly discussed in the majority and minority reports of the House Committee on Military Affairs on Muscle Shoals. We read these reports and we find that Mr. Ford will not agree to make fertilizers during the entire lease period unless he can make them with profit to himself. We find that under his proposal the plant is to be completed at government expense; that the total cost, when completed, will have been more than one hundred sixty-seven millions of dollars; and that for this great project, he proposes to pay approximately five millions of dollars-a nominal sum when compared with the amount expended by the government. We find that all repairs and rebuilding in excess of a specified amount must be undertaken by the government, regardless of how expensive they may be, throughout the 100-year lease period; and that if dams should break the government must pay any damage that arises in consequence of loss of life and property resulting therefrom. We find that the proposal involves a tax subsidy, possible litigation, and several other important features which thus far seem to have been given little publicity.

The MINING CONGRESS JOURNAL believes that this water power development should not be delayed, but questions the advisability of accepting the Ford offer, which would mean that Mr. Ford will be given rights and privileges that are to be denied to every other man or group of men in the United States, since all other lessees of water power privileges, under the Federal water power act, cannot obtain a lease for more than 50 years, and further are surrounded by governmental restrictions not contemplated in the Ford proposal. The Muscle Shoals plant should be completed, but it should not be completed for the especial benefit of a single individual. It should be leased, but it should be leased under the Federal water power act. It should be made a powerful unit for the welfare of government in time of war as well as a valuable aid to the American people in time of peace, and no individual or group of individuals should be permitted to profit from its operation except under the same terms and conditions imposed by the water power act upon the lessees of other similar projects.

### TAX WASTING

RIGID ECONOMIES in the handling of public funds by state and local governments must be effected without delay. Drastic cuts in public expenditures are vitally necessary to prosperity. Extravagant administrations should be denied the support of the electorate, and state and local revenue requirements should be placed on a sound financial basis which will strengthen public credit and not unduly burden industry.

It is recognized that many improvements are necessary in every locality in order to keep pace with modern civilization and growing populations, but such necessary improvements and betterments should be made at an opportune time when industrial and commercial prosperity will sustain the necessary tax levies, and not at a time when the tide of prosperity is at a low ebb. Even when necessary public improvements are undertaken, every economy consistent with sound business principles should be practiced. Waste and extravagance in launching new and costly projects constitute a real menace.

No public official or legislator should think in terms of provincialism or political expediency. Legislation should not be conceived in selfishness or fostered for political effect alone. The needs and rights of the whole community, state, or nation should be considered as paramount to sectional demands, and such measures enacted as may be justified by relative conditions. It is a fallacy to believe that local unrest or dissatisfaction can be allayed by discriminatory legislation. One locality cannot be favored at the expense of another with impunity. Such a state of affairs serves only to create bitter feeling and engender political strife which generally ends in tax wasting.

Drastic changes in legislative policies are necessary. State legislatures should scrutinize more closely proposed undertakings which call for large appropriations. No action on any measure should be taken hastily or without exhaustive study and thorough analyses of purposes to be served and results to be obtained. Business prosperity is on an upward trend as the result of improved general conditions. It is now up to state and local governments to furnish the necessary stimulus for prosperity by conserving public funds and by reducing local taxes.

Tax wasting can be eliminated by the abolishment of unnecessary administrative boards and commissions; by the consolidation of certain related administrative functions, which now are under separate departments or bureaus, under one administrative authority; by the correlation of services and agencies where duplications of effort occur; by the postponement of appropriations for certain improvements, betterments, and new projects which can be accomplished later at lower costs and at a time when the taxpayer is better able to pay the bill; and by exercising closer supervision over the handling of public funds in order to prevent unwise spending and graft. These are all matters in which many state and local governments have been woefully lax and careless.

### THE CORONADO DECISION

When the decision of the Supreme Court of the United States in the Coronado coal strike case, hoor organizations are no longer immune from eivil action for tortious acts committed during strikes. They are suable in the Federal courts. They are responsible for the acts of their members. They are amenable to law. Their funds are subject to execution in suits for damages growing out of unlawful acts perpetrated by their numbers in strikes. This, in substance, is the unanimous opinion of the Supreme Court.

The rant and wail that capitalism has at last found a way to kill the labor union movement in the United States will not find favor with a long suffering public. No one, except the unions themselves and their sympathizers, has the temerity to contend that such organizations should have rights, privileges and immunities which are not enjoyed by employers and others. In the past, wanton destruction of property, lawless interference with business, ruthless violence and incendiarism, carried on by union members during strikes, have imposed no liability upon the organizations conducting the strikes. No other class or group has had such freedom or such immunity. This freedom of action, enabling the unions to escape responsibility for vicious conspiracies and lawless acts, has led to conditions little short of anarchy.

The Coronado decision should be welcomed by the unions. It should benefit them by the effect it will have upon radical members who believe in direct action. It should create a respect for law and order heretofore non-existent among strikers who deliberately advocated violence because of belief that they were immune from collective civil responsibility.

If unionism, in order to flourish, must have the right to break laws without restraint, then unionism should have no place among American institutions. If, as stated by Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, the Coronado decision is the "worst blow" ever administered to organized labor in America, then it must be assumed that organized labor cannot prosper without infringement upon the law. But the view of Mr. Gompers is not justified by fact. The judgment of the court is a serious blow only to the illegitimate use of the strike, and simply makes organized labor's relationship to society just as responsible as it is privileged. Only unlawful acts are banned by the decree. Therefore, it is not a blow at unionism but wholly a matter of the protection of the rights of mankind; and public opinion should be unanimously in favor of the court, just as the unanimous opinion of the court is in favor of the public.

### WHEN POWER GOES AMUCK

**R** IGHT is always Might: but Might is sometimes Wrong.

**I C** Five thousand union miners and sympathizers, filled with the hot breath of hate, asserted Might the other day—asserted it against fifty defenseless workers - and drenched the ground with blood.

All because of hatred toward non-union men, who had not bowed before the "Temple of Labor" to the extent of taking out a life insurance policy signed by John L. Lewis before they went to work in the mine.

Responsibility for the Herrin massacre rests with the union officials who dictate the creeds by which union men are governed, using emotions as their strongest tools to hold their organization in line during times of labor disturbances. The following paragraph, culled from a press report written several days after the massacre, places the responsibility with certainty:

<sup>(3</sup> The fighting started after receipt of a telegram from John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers of America, terming the men working at the mine as 'common strike-breakers.' Soon after, a truck carrying ten men to work in the mine was subjected to a barrage from striking miners near Carbondale.''

The union leaders long have waved their hands and chanted and acclaimed the rights of the working man, declaring that these are what organized labor defends. Yet organized labor shed blood and wielded destruction in a savage attack upon a handful of working men whose rights were never considered for a moment by those who carried on the massacre. And the law of the land was tossed aside as quickly as the rights of the victims of the massacre.

It was easy for the mob to forget the law, for the miners rule Williamson County, where the massacre took place. There the law is in the hands largely of a group of former miners who have been elected to office by those who formed the mob.

Small wonder that there is little chance that any of those who committed murder, arson, robbery and dynamiting will ever be brought to justice for what they did during the massacre. Doubt that they will be made to account to the law for their actions is so prevalent that it has been openly expressed on the floor of the Senate.

Justification for this doubt is found in the verdict returned on June 26 by the coroner's jury, reflecting the position of the men who served as members of that jury, and giving strong indication of the manner in which the spirit of unionism has permeated that particular locality until it is so general that all else is accounted wrong. "We, the jury, find from the evidence that the deaths of decedents were due to acts direct and indirect of officials of the Southern Illinois Coal Company," say these men, who proceed to single out one non-union man as responsible for the death of a man who was attacking the mine. and then promptly forget to fix responsibility for the men who were killed at the mine when those who carried on the massacre attacked them. This incredible verdict has but a word concerning the miners who were shot, butchered, beaten and lynched by men possessed of a brutality that cannot be described in words. This incredible verdict is the result of an incredible bias, rising out of control of the local government by union influences, and which does not hesitate to brand a dead cripple "murderer," who probably acted in self-defense.

Since a massacre rose and blazed its bloody way in this controlled community, the public now believes that there may be scores of similarly controlled districts, where no control would be exercised were the fiery hatred that caused the Herrin massacre to flame up in another quarter. Surely where there is no check upon mass emotions, there practically is an invitation to disregard the law.

The massacre served to bring this and related conditions squarely before the public. The country at large now knows that union coal miners are convinced that there is no wrong in taking the lives of men who go to work in the places which they left when they went on strike. And the people are beginning to feel that the policies and aims of the United Mine Workers of America are based on unbridled Might rather than Right.

These things now are so deeply embedded in common knowledge that feeble attempts on the part of union officials to vindicate the actions of their mob, or to deny responsibility for those actions, are wasted efforts.

If the striking miners have at any time held any claim upon public sympathy, they forfeited such claim when five thousand adherents of their law-disregarding creed yielded to criminal impulses and waged a massacre.

The public prizes its sympathy more than to squander it on men who are responsible for deeds such as are narrated in the following eye-witness report of the brutality with which members of the mob treated Mine Superintendent McDowell, the only man charged by the ultraprejudiced coroner's jury as being a murderer:

"After the men were dead their bodies were kicked about until the neck was dislocated and they were otherwise mutilated in a manner that cannot be told. Especial attention was given Superintendent McDowell, who was a cripple with a wooden leg. One of the rioters had split open his head with a pick as he was staggering along the road, trying to obey orders to walk faster to the place of execution. He was holding his gapping forehead to staunch the flow of blood which was blinding him. One of his tormentors walked up and struck him a terrible blow under the ear with the butt of a heavy pistol and ordered him to walk faster.

"'I know what is at the end of this journey,' said Mc-Dowell. 'I am making the best time I can.'

"'Well, we will end it for you right now,' said his guard, as he stepped back a pace or two and emptied his automatic pistol into McDowell's abdomen. Later a group of miners passing that way found McDowell lying on his side as he had fallen. They turned him over on his back with their boots, and one of them took a cigar from McDowell's vest pocket and jammed it into the open mouth of the dead man."

### CLOSER RELATIONS WITH INDUSTRY SOUGHT BY BUREAU OF MINES

**F**FORTS are being made by the Bureau of Mines which have as their aim the increasing of efficiency of that organization's investigational work through closer cooperation with the mining industry. A letter has been addressed to the superintendents of all the bureau's stations asking their opinion concerning establishment of a number of advisory committees similar to those now aiding in the work of the Birmingham and St. Louis-Rolla stations, where representatives of the mining industry keep the bureau's experts well informed as to the needs of the industry and receive frequent reports of the progress being made by the various investigations in which they are vitally interested.

The committee working with the St. Louis-Rolla station has been functioning for almost a year, and all concerned are well pleased with the results which have been obtained under this system of cooperation. The Birmingham committee has been more recently organized, its first work dealing with the more general phases of the work of the southern station.

Personnel of a committee to cooperate with the Reno station now is being selected and the organization is expected soon to be completed and able to take up definite work in connection with the studies of rare and precious minerals being conducted at that station.

It is improbable that a committee will be appointed to work with the Fairbanks, Alaska, station, since the cooperative plan has been followed at that place for some time, with members of the Alaska Chapter of the American Mining Congress acting as a sort of communicating committee. John A. Davis, superintendent of the Fairbanks station, in outlining the situation to officials of the bureau in Washington, has made the suggestion that the board of directors of the Alaska Chapter be considered as a cooperative committee, stating that advice and sug-

### ANNOUNCEMENT

The American Mining Congress announces in keeping with the preliminary announcement made in the May issue of the MINING CONGRESS JOURNAL that on and after July 1, 1922, no contracts for advertising space in either the regular or special issues of the MINING CONGRESS JOURNAL will be accepted upon the solicitation of H. G. or T. M. Winston or any of the members, individuals, agents or representatives of the firm of Winston, Inc., with main offices at 30 North Michigan Ave., Chicago, Illinois.

The American Mining Congress has adopted as its definite policy the development of direct relationships between the organization and the manufacturers of mine equipment and mine supplies, as well as direct relationships with all mining companies. This policy will result in greater service to its clients and makes possible larger cooperation along lines of mutual benefit.

gestions offered the bureau's experts by members of the chapter have proven of high value.

The following is the personnel of the Birmingham committee:

C. E. Abbott, Tennessee Coal, Iron and R. R. Co.; C. E. Browron, Gulf States Steel Co.; W. M. Lacey, Woodward Iron Co., Woodward; W. J. Penhallegon, Republic Iron and Steel Co.; J. E. Strong, The Alabama Co., and H. J. Thomas, Sloss-Sheffield Hteel & Iron Co., all of Birmingham, Ala.

### EUROPEAN NATIONS MAKE DETERMINED EFFORTS TO REPLACE U. S. GASOLINE

**D**ETERMINED EFFORTS on the part of European nations to free themselves from the necessity of importing gasoline from the United States have reached the point in France where an interministerial commission has been formed by the government and entrusted with the preparation of a program of action regarding the gas engine fuel supply in France, the countries under its protection and its colonies. According to word received by the Department of Commerce from Davis B. Levis, United States vice-consul at Bordeaux, a considerable part of this program is devoted to the possibilities of furnishing a substitute for gasoline through the utilization of the by-products of the great pine forests in the Bordeaux district.

Active development of researches regarding processes of distillation of wood is urged by the French government, it is said, in order that the residue may be used as a fuel substitute, the attention of chemists having been specially directed to the distillation of pine timber products because of the successful results obtained in plants established for this purpose in the United States and Germany.

"While the interest of the state in the development of gas engine fuel to replace gasoline is no doubt a part of its national defense plan as applied to airplanes, submarines, tanks and tractors," says the consular report, "commercial and agricultural fuel problems are fully considered owing to the limited coal production and absence of petroleum deposits in France."

A competition has been organized under semi-official supervision, and large rewards are offered to inventors and producers of an economical and practical substitute for motor full.

### SIMPLIFICATION OF ALASKA'S MINING RELATIONS WITH GOVERNMENT IS AIM OF NEW PLAN

**R**ELATIONS of the mining industry of Alaska with the government will be greatly simplified through a consolidation of administration under a plan approved by Secretary Fall and placed in effect this month. Supervision of all activities carried on in the territory by the Bureau of Mines in the future will be vested in one official, who will receive and act upon reports which previously have had to journey to Washington for action. Benjamin D. Stewart, territorial mining inspector during the past three years, has been appointed to this supervisional position, and now is on his way to Alaska after having spent several weeks in familiarizing himself with the bureau's work and policies by inspections of several stations.

#### TO SUPERVISE LEASING OPERATIONS

Under the newly adopted plan, Mr. Stewart will be in charge of the bureau's station at Fairbanks, at the same time acting as Federal mining inspector and personal representative of the Secretary of the Interior in matters relating to operations under the leasing act.

Supervision of the leasing operations in Alaska soon will prove to be one of the heaviest tasks of the new office, in the view of officials. Increased activities in connection with coal mining naturally are to be expected since the Interior Department has entered into an intensive campaign to link private industry with development of the territory's deposits. Alaska's oil fields also are attracting an increasing amount of attention, and it is being predicted that the Katella field soon will be proven to hold only a small portion of the territory's reserves of oil. Officials now are referring to future developments as holding ''tremendous possibilities,'' pointing especially to the favorable structures existing in the peninsular region.

Important factors in the government's determination of policy to be pursued in administration of its authority over the Alaskan coal deposits rest in the decision of the Lake and Export Coal Company, which is investigating possibilities of commercial development of this coal, and also in the outcome of the washery and steaming tests which are to determine whether the coal is of good enough quality to measure up to the standards demanded by the navy fuel experts.

#### ENGINEERS MAKE FIELD STUDIES

Engineers for the Lake and Export Company have been making detailed examinations of the fields for several weeks, and Director H. Foster Bain, of the Bureau of Mines, has been on the scene, keeping in close touch with developments. The company has until July 15 in which to give to the bureau its decision of whether it will undertake development work on a commercial scale. This decision will depend upon the reports submitted by its engineers. That some indication of decision in the matter already has been reached is seen in the fact that Director Bain has advised officials in Washington of his plans to leave Alaska soon after July 1 to return to the states. Originally, it is said, the director intended to remain in Alaska until later in the summer.

Washington officials not yet have been advised of the outcome of washery tests of 5,000 tons of Matanuska coal and 600 tons from the Bering River field, conducted at the Sutton washery during the past month. This coal later will be carried by collier to the Bremerton, Wash.

navy yard, where it will be loaded into the bunkers of the *Texas* and the *New York*. It is in the furnaces of these two battleships that the coal will be subjected to the steaming tests which are expected to prove conclusively whether the coal is suitable for naval consumption. The amount of importance that is being attached to these tests is indicated in announcement that one of the bureau's most expert coal men will be assigned to observe them.

Mr. Stewart is a graduate of the Montana School of Mines. Following his graduation, he engaged in various mining activities in the United States until 1907, when he went to Alaska, entering upon a long career of mining engineering and mine management at various properties, later being appointed territorial mining inspector. His appointment is designated by officials as a fortunate one for the department because of his thorough intimacy with local affairs and his clear perception of just what is needed by the mining industry in Alaska. It is hoped that eventually the consolidation which now has taken place will be extended so as to include various territorial mining activities which may well be combined with the Federal authority, in the view of expert observers.

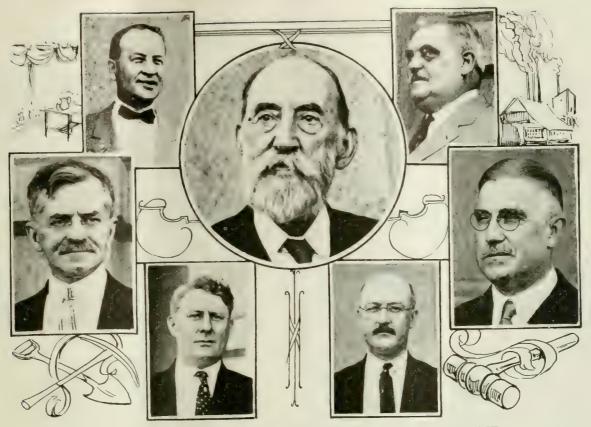
#### ROAD BUILDING PLANNED AS AID TO ALASKA'S DEVELOPMENTS

**P** ROCEEDING upon the belief that the mineral developments during the next few years will center upon deposits in Alaska, the government is devoting much attention to the matter of road improvement in the territory and numerous recommendations have been made to Congress seeking to establish sufficient means of transportation to provide against any possibility of underdevelopment because of handicaps in the moving of supplies to and mineral products from mines in the districts which are to be developed.

It has been recommended that a narrow gauge railroad should be extended to accommodate the low grade mining sections that have been proven to exist in the vicinity of the Chateneeka River, the suggestion having been made that until such projects should show more tangible progress toward development only wagon roads should be considered.

An amount of cognizance is taken of frequent reports that appreciable bodies of ore are being uncovered in territory adjacent to the Yukon Range and the Circle, and recommendation is made that prospectors and miners should be encouraged by proper and economical means of communication.

The engineer of the government railroad recommended an appropriation for a road in the Kantishna country from a point where the railroad crosses Riley Creek near Mile 347. This road, if constructed, it is stated, would open up vast areas of apparently low grade ore whose products would find their way speedily by railroad to smelters. Investigations of the Geological Survey and Bureau of Mines indicate this is the most promising lode development north of Broadpass and tributary to the railroad. With access to the railroad and all year service by truck or horse, prices would drop to permit handling large bodies of low grade ores and to bring in milling machinery, in contrast with the short season which now handicaps operation. Other proposed improvements include the following roads: Wasilla to Willow Creek, Wasilla to Knik, Nancy to Rainy Pass, Talkeetna to Cache, Dumbar to Fort Gibbons.



NOTABLE FIGURES OF THE WESTERN MINING CONFERENCE

Center: L. Bradford Prince, former governor of New Mexico and first president of the American Mining Congress. The conference accorded him the distinction of a rising greeting. Right center: William J. Loring, president, American Mining Congress. Left center: James F. Callbreath, secretary, American Mining Congress. Upper left: Sidney Norman, editor, Northwest Mining Trust. Upper right: Halleck W. Seaman, director, American Mining Congress. Lower left: Daniel M. Kelly, Butte, Montana. Lower right: A. G. MacKenzie, Salt Lake City.

### MINING CONFERENCE IS FEATURED BY STAND AGAINST GOVERNMENTAL PATERNALISM

By BURTON BUNCH

Western Secretary, American Mining Congress

A STAND against further interference with western initiative by governmental agencies in their increasing tendency toward paternalism was taken by the Western Mining Conference in Denver, Colo., June 20 and 21, and the conference provided a fighting force to make its position secure by the creation of a Western Division of the American Mining Congress. The spirit of protest against paternalism was evident in the action of the conference on the question of pending blue sky legislation, and the growing number of state and national bureaus, commissions and other tax-consuming agencies to restrict private business and personal liberties.

### FORMS KEYNOTE OF MEETING

After the formal organization of the conference, which was held in the Colorado State Capitol, the keynote was expressed by Sidney Norman, of Spokane, Wash., editor of Mining Truth, who proposed that the hundred representative mining men in attendance be actuated in their consideration of all questions to be discussed by an aggressive spirit in opposition to continued governmental participation in business. Early in the session a resolution to this effect was unanimously adopted, as was a second resolution unqualifiedly opposing the enactment of the pending Denison blue sky bill, yet, at the same time, approving whatever legislation may be needed to safeguard the public against fraudulent promotions of all kinds. Condemnation of the principle which sets up an individual or a commission to pass upon investments, without appeal, in any so-called blue sky legislation, was responsible for the adoption of a resolution carrying with it a tentative draft of a Federal Securities Act, to be submitted to the Board of Directors of the American Mining Congress for consideration as a possible substitute to be offered to the national Congress in place of the Denison bill. The draft was prepared by the Legal Department of the Colorado Chapter.

Action by the conference on the mine law revision bill followed extended discussions in which it was apparent that no unanimous sentiment was possible of expression at this time, and the matter was, by resolution, referred to the newly created Western Division for further study and investigation, through means the new division soon will provide for closer cooperation among the mining men in the various western states.

The plan under which the Western Division will be perfected provides for the naming of a representative of the industry in each of thirteen western states to serve as a member of the Board of Governors, together with the secretary of each state organization as ex-officio members. In states where two or more organizations exist the selection of the board members is to be made by cooperative action we pothat selection is to be made from among the performance of the state chapter of one exists. When seven oper the members and seven secretary mem-

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bers have been designated from as many states, a chairman and a secretary are to be named at a special meeting, or by referendum.

Two meetings of the Western Division are to be held each year, one at the time of the annual meeting of the



national organization, and one in April of each year, at a place to be chosen by the Board of Governors. The mining organizations' of the west have been asked to act upon this matter immediately, so that the division may be permitted to function at once. Its final organization will be brought about during the convention to be held in Cleveland in October. The states included in the Western Division are Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, North Dakota, South Dakota, Utah, Washington and Wyoming.

The future of gold and silver was discussed in able addresses by Bulkeley Wells, of Denver, on silver, and W. J. Loring, of San Francisco, on gold. An interesting paper on silver as a factor in the economic restoration of the world, representing the views of Judge George E. Turner, former Senator from Washington, was read by Sidney Norman, in the absence of Judge Turner. who found it impossible to be present.

#### SILVER STABILIZATION DISCUSSED

Growing out of this discussion the conference unanimously adopted a resolution urging Congress to consider the subject of international stabilization of silver at an early date. Mr. Wells suggested the possible organization of the silver producers of North and South America along a line similar to the Copper Export Association, into which the leading producers might enter.

The possibility of opening new gold fields was discounted by Mr. Loring, who said the future of gold depended on either such new discoveries, or on the redevelopment of old fields. He said unbounded optimism and enthusiasm on the part of the gold producer are essential.

Serious discussion of the desirability of a division of the American Mining Congress to consider the problems of transportation, was precipitated by H. W. Seaman, president of the Trojan Mining Company, of Deadwood, S. D., who related incidents of freight inequalities in his own experience. J. F. Callbreath, secretary of the American Mining Congress, told the conference it had long been his desire to create within the organization a Division of Transportation, because of the vital nature of the question, and because almost every other branch of business maintained such agency for study of its peculiar freight problems.

Copies of the conference resolution against paternalism were by unanimous action ordered sent to the governors of the various states in the western district and to the Senators and Representatives from each of those states. Copies of the resolution condemning the Denison bill were ordered sent to the members of the Interstate Commerce Committee of the United States Senate, in which committee the bill is now held, after passing the House.



Mining men from virtually every western mining state took part in the conference. The session was opened by George E. Collins, governor of the Colorado Chapter, who declared that certain legislation now pending imperils the mining industry, and that the mining states of the west must speak as one voice in meeting the menace that exists. Mr. Collins introduced W. J. Loring, of San Francisco, president of the American Mining Congress, who presided throughout the meetings.

Organization was perfected by the naming of Jesse F. McDonald, Denver, former governor of Colorado; Sidney Norman, of Spokane, Wash., and Dan M. Kelly, Butte, Mont., of the Legal Department of the Anaconda Copper Company, as a committee on Rules and Order of Business, which committee limited chief discussions to 15 minutes and incidental discussions to 5 minutes, allotting to each state represented five votes.

The Resolutions Committee, on which much of the work of the conference fell, was selected by action of delegates from the separate states, and its personnel was as follows: Arizona, Perey Williams, Tueson; Colorado, Judge E. C. Stimson, Denver; New Mexico, Bradford L. Prince, Santa Fe; Utah, A. G. MacKenzie, Salt Lake City; California, Edwin Higgins, San Francisco; Washington, Sidney Norman, Spokane; South Dakota, H. W. Seaman, Deadwood; Nevada, Frederick Bradshaw, Tonopah; Montana, Wm. F. Ford, Helena; Idaho, L. E. Hanley Wallace; Wyoming, R. S. Ellison, Casper.

Many illuminating thoughts were expressed on the various subjects by men from the several districts of the west. These men included Sidney Norman, Spokane, Wash.; A. G. MacKenzie, Salt Lake City, Utah; Bradford L. Prince, Santa Fe, New Mexico; H. W. Seaman, Deadwood, S. D.; Bulkeley Wells, Denver; George E. Collins, Denver; Perry G. Harrison, Cripple Creek, Colo.; Chambers Kellar, Deadwood, S. D.; Clay Tallman, former Commissioner, United States Land Office, Denver; Paul Armitage, New York; Edward Payne, Clearcreek, Colo., and others.

#### BANQUET AT CLOSING

The conference closed with a banquet at the Albany Hotel on the evening of the twenty-first, with Bulkeley Wells as toastmaster. Speakers were Mr. Wells; H. W. Seaman, Deadwood, S. D.; D. W. Brunton, Denver; J. F. Callbreath, Washington, D. C.; W. J. Loring, San Francisco; Kuno Doerr, A. S. & R. Co., Colo.; Sidney Nor-

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man, Spokane; Geo. E. Collins, Denver; Burton Bunch, Silver City, N. M.; A. G. MacKenzie, Salt Lake City; Wm. F. Word, Helena, Mont.; Edwin Higgins, San Francisco; Joseph H. Young, Denver, President of the Denver & Rio Grande Railroad Co.; Frederick Bradshaw, Tonopah, Nev.; and Robert J. Grant, Director of the Denver mint.

The secretaries and other representatives of state organizations were guests of the Colorado Chapter at a dinner at the Albany on Tuesday evening. At the dinner, problems of the secretaries and plans to be worked out in connection with the newly organized Western Division were discussed. Those in attendance were M. B. Tomblin, Secretary, Colorado Chapter, Denver; A. G. MacKenzie, Secretary, Utah Chapter, Salt Lake City; Edwin Higgins, president, California Metal and Mineral Producers' Association, San Francisco, Wm. F. Word, member, Montana Mining Association, Helena; Burton Bunch, Secretary, New Mexico Chapter and Western Secretary, American Mining Congress, Silver City, N. M.; Sidney Norman, member Northwestern Mining Association, Spokane, Wash.; Henry M. Rives, Secretary, Nevada Mine Operators' Association, Reno, and J. F. Callbreath, Secretary, American Mining Congress.

### An Outstanding Success

The success of the conference in considering every feature of the program laid down in advance was so outstanding as to cause comment among the hundred delegates, many of whom expressed a belief that the divisional meetings, such as this and such as will be encouraged by the activities of the Western Division, can be made most important to the mining men of the west. The meetings under the conference plan were the first to be held in just this way in the history of mining organization, and the important work accomplished justifies the prediction that other similar conferences will be equally successful in the future.

### SIDELIGHTS OF THE CONFERENCE

Bradford L. Prince, of Santa Fe, New Mexico, one of the organizers of the American Mining Congress, was in attendance. A rising greeting was extended to the former New Mexico governor, who was asked, as a special honor to the conference, to sit beside the chairman during the first day's proceedings.

Another "old-timer" present was Judge Coleburn, who said a few things about high graders that were not complimentary. On the other hand, the Judge did say some splendid things about Secretary J. F. Callbreath, emphasizing the fact that the real date of the birth of the American Mining Congress was that day on which Mr. Callbreath's secretaryship was approved as a permanent proposition many years ago.

J. A. Ede, of LaSalle, Ill., beat Sidney Norman to the first expression in opposition to the government's participation in business, but Norman was present, and Ede had to telegraph his sentiments. His message was read to the conference by Mr. Callbreath early Tuesday. Mr. Ede said the government should "take its foot off the track, and clear the road of every impediment and obstruction." The grade is against us, he said further, and the east is anticipating an early demand for the resources of the west. Secretary Callbreath did not let pass the opportunity, while the conference was waiting for the resolutions committee to report, to make some comment concerning the coming Silver Jubilee, the twenty-fifth meeting of the Congress in Cleveland, in October. The few words had a good effect, without doubt.

The conference, somehow, didn't get down to discussions of the Alaskan affairs, nor the relation of the government to western development, nor—two or three other things!

Efforts to have a photograph made of the delegates on the Capitol steps were like the repeated failures of the young man to make his supplies of tobacco and cigarette papers run out at the same time before he would quit smoking. When the photographers were ready the conference wasn't; when the conference was ready the photographers were busy elsewhere.

Lack of a picture, however, is not so keenly felt, since Doc. Bird Finch, well-known Denver cartoonist, was on the job.



C. S. Muffly, president of the Montana Mining Association, wrote from Helena he couldn't attend the meeting, but predicted in his letter that the session would "pass into history of mining as one greater than those heretofore held."

H. W. Seaman says the western division can serve as the neck of the funnel, through which sentiments of the west can be poured into the Washington office, and not "scattered." Unifying of individual positions can be accomplished now, he said.

### LATEST MINING REVISION HEARINGS DEVELOP OPINIONS ON BOTH SIDES OF QUESTION

PINIONS both doubting and asserting practicality of revision of the mining laws at this time have been bolstered by developments rising out of the recent hearings on the subject held by the House committee on mines and mining, which is considering pending legislation proposing such a revision.

A tenor of expression strongly favoring the proposed measure was injected into the hearings when Horace V. Winchell, a member of the Ingalls committee which drafted the measure, announced himself as its firm supporter. Suggesting only minor amendments, he was the first witness appearing before the committee who recommended passage of the bill in a form virtually the same as that which it now holds.

#### SECRETARY FALL'S OPINION

A cross element of sentiment held by the Secretary of the Interior became apparent during the same hearings, however, when a report made on the bill by Mr. Fall to Chairman Rhodes of the House committee was brought to light developing the fact that the Secretary deems it "inadvisable at this time to pass a law radically changing the general laws now in effect."

Stating that he finds that "the subject has been given publicity through the MINING CONGRESS JOURNAL and otherwise resulting in an expression for and against the measure," Secretary Fall declared that "if we were legislating for a new and undeveloped territory there are some features of the proposed bill, such as abolition of the so-called extra lateral right and recording of notices in the local land offices, which might be extremely desirable." He finds ground for opposition to enactment of this type of legislation at this time, however, in the fact that laws relating to the disposition of metalliferous minerals have been in effect for more than 50 years, during which time they have served as the basis upon which thousands of claims have been located. Rather than bring about general confusion by radical revision, Secretary Fall expresses an inclination to view gradual improvements or minor modifications suggested from time to time to cure existing defects as the more logical way of handling the situation.

#### **OBJECT OF INTRODUCTION**

"I notice," says Secretary Fall, "in the reported interview with, or communication from, the author of the bill, as published in the MINING CONGRESS JOURNAL of February, 1922, it is stated that the purpose is to give the propositions involved in the proposed legislation the widest publicity, and -

"" 'It was not intended that the measure should be urged for Congressional action in its present form, but merely that time and efforts of the future might be saved by getting the bill whipped into shape before it began its course through legislative channels.'

"If it is the intention of the committee at the present time to formulate a new system of mining laws, or to amend the laws as they exist, an indication of such purpose will, of course, bring the advice and counsel of this department to the assistance of your committee.

"It is sufficient now to call attention to the fact that with the exception of the placer claims for non-metalliferous minerals, the law with reference to placer locations is practically done away with by the provisions of the lease law of 1920.

"If it is the purpose, or if it is proposed to provide in 790

the future for the location of claims under what is known as the 'lateral lines' theory, rather than the 'apex' theory, then, with some modifications, the proposed provisions as to location, survey, etc., might be worked out.

"If, however, the Congress does not see fit to adopt the 'side line' theory, then such provisions as for the location of forty acres in quadrangle form, are not at all necessary and would not work out as well in practice as does the present provision with reference to the location of the maximum quantity of ground upon a lode or lead, to wit: fifteen hundred feet in length by six hundred feet in width, which is so well understood by all miners in the United States.

"I shall not undertake to discuss the bill further unless the Congress desires to press same for passage in some form at an early date.

"The writer has had many years' experience in prospecting for the location and development of metalliferous mines under U. S. laws in the southwest, and at the same time or during the same years, has had similar experience under the laws of Mexico where they operate under the 'side line' theory as distinguished from the 'apex' theory which obtains in this country.

#### OFFERS DEPARTMENT'S AID

"Should the committee think that the time has come to revise the mining laws of the U. S., I will not only give the matter my personal consideration, but bring into consultation the scientific experts of the Bureau of Geological Survey and Bureau of Mines, and at the same time will invite for consultation and assistance one or more of the best practical mining engineers and operators in the U. S.

"I understand that the proposed bill has been drawn after some investigation, and is the work of a committee of engineers. If this Department is requested to go into the matter fully, I would of course be glad to avail myself of the conclusions, and advice and reports of this committee."

Mr. Winchell centered his argument favoring the bill in the fact that the major portion of criticism against the measure is coming from the prospector, and that since "the day of the prospector in this country is practically over," the legislators should take into consideration existing conditions under which further development of mineral deposits in this country will be dependent upon low grade operations carried on by large capital, and upon "long chance" research work by skilled geologists who have come to supplant the prospector and his pack mule since practically all the more obvious deposits have been discovered.

Mr. Winchell declared that passage of the measure would bring about a stimulation of the "languishing" mining industry, emphasizing the fact that its future success will be dependent upon development of low grade ores rather than upon discovery of new deposits.

### "Would Stimulate Mining"

H. G. Moulton, a consulting engineer representing the American Mining and Metallurgical Society, declared that organization stood by policy endorsing Mr. Winehell's statement. He dwelt upon his possession of "the prospector's viewpoint" gained by long field experience and declared that if he felt that the proposed bill would offer serious handicap to the individual prospector, he could not feel at liberty to join in its advocacy.

### ACCELERATED TARIFF ACTION BRINGS DECISION ON MINERAL ITEMS

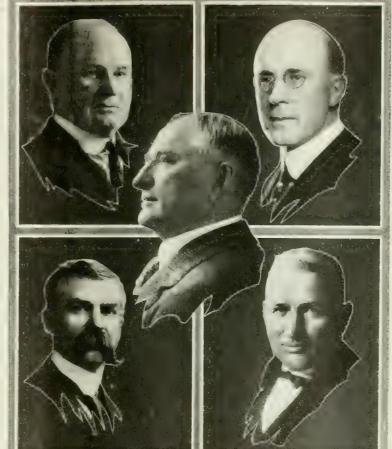
The various angles of justified consideration on every tariff item that comes up have necessitated a rather ponderous progress throughout the Senate.

There has been a marked tendency, not only on the part of the mining industry but on the part of all incalling for rejection of the committee's recommendation, told the Senate there are over 400 districts in the United States capable of producing manganese ore, and that 1,100 deposits have been made subjects of reports by mine operators, engineers and geologists. He asserted that if tariff protection were furnished the manganese

dustries, to be impatient with the progress made on tariff legislation. These industries, dependent for resumption of business on protection, have felt, to paraphrase, that while the "mills of the gods grind fine they grind exceeding slow."

In the last thirty days, however, a majority of the items in which the mining industry is interested have been reached and passed. In the main, the provisions made for justified protection of the mining industry have been satisfactory. The rates of duty now provided by the House and which have been passed by the Senate in the Committee of the Whole insure to the mining industry in its warious branches the protection which it so self-evidently needs. In two instances this has meant the reversal of the Senate Finance Committee and in each case this reversal was made by a large majority.

Repudiation by the Senate of the proposal made by the finance committee to place



SENATORIAL CHAMPIONS OF THE MINING INDUSTRY IN THE TARIFF DEBATE

Center: Samuel D. Nicholson, Colorado. Upper left: Frank R. Gooding, Idaho. Upper right: T. L. Oddie, Nevada. Lower left: T. J. Walsh, Montana. Lower right: H. O. Bursum, New Mexico

manganese on the free list followed clear presentation by western Senators of facts upon which they based their arguments for a tariff upon manganese. These arguments featured one of the most interesting debates heard on the floor since the tariff bill was taken up, and resulted in the vote of 35 to 19. The House duties were thus restored, amounting to 1 cent per pound on the metallic content of manganese ore or concentrates in excess of 30 percent of metallic manganese.

By taking this action the Senate refused to give credence to statements by opponents of these rates who contended that domestic manganese reserves are not sufficient to meet the demands of the consuming steel interests. Several Senators from western states furnished evidence of conclusive nature in contradiction of this claim.

Senator Nicholson, Colorado, who offered the motion

vote being 46 to 14. This action was achieved by adoption of an amendment offered by Senator Oddie, rejecting the committee's proposal that cyanide be placed under a 10 percent ad valorem duty.

The duty on ferromanganese was reduced from 2.1-5cents to 1% cents per pound on the metallic manganese content. The duty on manganese, silicon, boron and ferromanganese and spiegeleisen containing not more than 1 percent of carbon was fixed at 1% cents per lb. on the manganese content and 15 percent ad valorem instead of 20 percent as originally recommended. The duty on molybdenum and concentrates was reduced from 75 to 35 cents per pound and the duty on ferromolybdenum from \$1 to \$50 per pound. The cumulative duty on molybdenum an excess of 6-10 of 1 percent was reduced from \$1.25 to 55 per pound. The duty on ferro silicon containing terms \$ to 60 percent of silicon was

mining industry, the entire requirements of the country could be met by domestic production. He quoted reports of an investigation made by the Amercan Mining Congress showing high grade manganese ore reserves of 25,411,707 tons, and manganiferous iron ore reserves of 73,209,820/ tons, in Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Georgia, Minnesota, Mon-tana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Tennessee, Utah, Virginia, and Washington. He also stated that there are known deposits in Maine, Mississippi, Maryland, New Jersey, Idaho, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Texas, Vermont, and Wyoming. Advocation of the manganese tariff also was presented by the following senators : Walsh, Montana; Bursum, New Mexico; Kellogg, Minnesota; Oddie, Nevada, and Gooding, Idaho.

Another proposal by the Finance Committee affecting the mining industry was sent to the discard when the Senate placed cyanide on the free list, the fixed at two cents per pound and that containing between 60 and 80 percent of silicon at three cents per pound. The duty on ferro phosphorus and other ferros and alloys was reduced from 30 percent to 25 percent. The duty on cerium metals was fixed at \$2 per pound and that on ferro cerium and other cerium alloys at \$2 per pound and 25 percent ad valorem. The duty on cadmium was fixed at 15 cents per pound, on bismuth at  $7^{1}_{2}$  ad valorem, and metallic arsenic six cents per pound.

### APPEAL FOR GRAPHITE DUTY

Notwithstanding appeals by several western Senators the Senate refused to increase the graphite duties which were urged in behalf of American graphite producers. It adopted duties on graphite as follows: amorphous 10 percent., crystalline 20 percent and flake two cents per pound. Amendments by Senators Nicholson, Heflin, and Bursum, seeking to increase these duties were defeated by votes of two to one. Senator Nicholson gave notice that he would offer his amendments again before the bill is finally passed. These amendments propose duties of one cent per pound on amorphous, three cents per pound on crystalline and five cents per pound on flake.

The Senate also refused to increase the duty on quicksilver from 25 to 35 cents per pound notwithstanding urgent appeals by Senators Johnson and Shortridge of California. The 25 cent duty was adopted by vote of 30 to 25. The higher duty was urged in order to permit the quicksilver mining industry of California, Nevada, Oregon, Idaho and Texas to compete with foreign quicksilver, particularly that of Spain, it being pointed out that the 25 cent duty would not be sufficient.

An amendment by Senator King, Utah, proposing to reduce the duty on litharge from  $2\frac{1}{2}$  to  $1\frac{1}{2}$  cents a pound was defeated 21 to 47 and the  $2\frac{1}{2}$  cent duty adopted.

### ACTION ON LEAD DUTIES

Senator Jones argued that there was no justification for any duty upon lead pigments, except the compensatory duty for the lead duty. His amendment reducing the duty on red lead from  $2\frac{3}{4}$  to  $1\frac{1}{2}$  cents a pound was defeated, as was also an amendment reducing the white lead duty from  $2\frac{1}{2}$  to  $1\frac{1}{2}$  cents a pound, by a vote of 19 to 47.

On motion of Chairman McCumber the duty in paragraph 67, on chrome colors, was reduced from 30 to 25 percent ad valorem. The Senate rejected an amendment by Senator King reducing the duty to 20 percent, by a vote of 20 to 46.

The duty on iron oxide and iron hydroxide pigments was reduced from 25 to 20 percent ad valorem on motion of Chairman McCumber, and a motion to reduce it to 10 percent made by Senator Underwood, Alabama, was defeated 21 to 42.

Senator Moses, N. H., introduced an amendment proposing a duty of 2½ cents per pound on scrap or waste mica for grinding purposes.

After much debate the Senate adopted the rates on

zinc oxides and lithopone as recommended by the Finance Committee, notwithstanding opposition by Senator Jones, New Mexico, who sought to reduce the rates. The rates adopted were 13/4 cents per pound on zinc oxide and leaded zinc oxides containing not more than 25 percent of lead; ground or mixed oxides 21/4 cents per pound; lithopone, 13/4 cents per pound. Senator Jones opposed the duties on the ground that American smelters can smelt these ores as cheap as any other smelters and that duties in excess of the compensatory duty on the zine content of the ore would be a gift to the smelting interests. Senator Smoot said there was only a differential of 1/8 cents per pound as compared with 5 percent under the existing law. American smelters are at a disadvantage as compared with European smelters as to the ore at the works but not as to the lead. Amendments by Senator Jones to reduce the zinc oxide duties to 1½ cents per pound were defeated.

The committee rate of 2 cents per lb. on antimony as regulus or metal was adopted after objection by Senator Jones, who said that while the antimony industry, including oxide, deserves more attention than it has been receiving, this country cannot build up the industry of smelting the ores.

The Senate adopted the duties recommended by the committee on lime, limestone, plaster, rock or gypsum, pumice stone, and bauxite. The duty of \$3.25 per ton on fullers earth was adopted.

### MICA DUTIES ADOPTED

The mica duties were adopted notwithstanding efforts of Senator Walsh, Montana, to reduce the rates on the manufactured products. Increased rates on manufactured mica were defended by Senator McCumber, in charge of the bill, on the ground that they were necessary to meet the added cost of labor. Amendments proposed by Senator Walsh reducing from 40 to 30 percent the duty on manufactures of mica and from 20 to 15 percent the duties on ground mica were defeated.

Tale duties were adopted notwithstanding opposition by Senator Myers. His amendments to reduce the duties from 35 to 20 percent and from 45 to 30 percent on various grades of the product were defeated, and the committee amendment adopted by a vote of 38 to 15.

### NAVAL FUEL APPROPRIATIONS

AVAL fuel appropriations for the new fiscal year, embodied in the naval bill recently passed by the Senate, reach a total of \$16,000,000: This is far below the request for \$19,594,662 made by the Navy Department. Secretary Denby had expressed the hope that the fuel appropriations might be brought up to \$22,000,000.

Reduction of the unit price of fuel oil by 80 cents per barrel, and savings of between \$4,000,000 and \$5,000,000 annually in fuel oil expenses in the Navy are the hopes of naval officers who are conducting experiments seeking to achieve practical use of dense fuel oil. Results from these experiments are expected to take tangible form within a few months, the appropriations committee was told.

The navy also has made definite progress in establishing standards for lubricating oils, which, it is stated, have cut the price of these oils from \$1 to 36 cents per gallon. The Senators were told that these specifications for lubricants are now being used by the Shipping Board, and have avoided the waste of several millions of dollars. Savings in lubricating oils and steel by the Navy are claimed to reach \$1,000,000 annually.

### STANDARDIZATION OF MINING TIMBERS

By Gerald Sherman\*

S TANDARDIZATION in the use of timber is different from that of other materials of construction. One steel shape can be made from a mass of metal as easily as another but it requires special rolls to make it. The variety in sizes must, therefore, be reduced to reasonable limits, not because of the raw material but to save plant investment.

In timber we have logs of unchangeable shape from which to carve out whatever sizes we may wish to use, and it makes little difference in the main what rectangular shapes are desired. The cost is approximately the same for the same cross sectional area. The skill of the sawyer consists in his ability to cut out a variety of

shapes from a given log with the least possible waste. Economy in manufacturing timber, therefore, is increased by using a larger num ber of standard sections.

In its use mining timber also differs from other materials in that it reaches the mine unassembled, and is put together on the spot. Standardization, therefore, is more difficult and of less advantage.

If round timbers are to be used, the situation is still more difficult. Their great variation is in diameter, and since most mines need timber of roughly the same dimensions, there is apt to be a much heavier demand for certain diameters, and an actual loss in the very large and very small sections.

There does not appear to be any great advantage in attempting to standardize, therefore, for all mining work. The large mines own and operate machinery for framing timber according to their needs, and such machines have convenient adjustments so that they can cut any pattern of framing desired, and with equal ease.

This is also true of framing plants owned by timber merchants, but they would be more used by the small mines if they were to agree upon one or two patterns of framing, of which the merits would probably be nearly equal. The timber merchants could probably work up a business profitable to them and to the smaller mines if they pushed the matter. Framing by hand is naturally expensive, and many small mines cannot afford framing machines.

This advantage would appear particularly in the framing of shaft timbers. The framing cuts should be so simplified that it could be done by machinery, and by using standard sections for compartments, the further standardization of shaft equipment, cages, skips, etc., would be promoted.

Framing at the source will save some freight and waste for small properties, but this saving will not be of much importance at mines using large quantities of timber. There is every reason to standardize in timber framing for an individual mine or group of mines. A joint framing plant could be erected, in which timber would be framed and sent to any property in the district needing it. Even a single property, however, may properly need a good many sizes, and while the principle of framing is the same, there may be a difference in proportions due to size. This, by the way, may be largely avoided, if desirable, in square set framing by using the stepped framing of the Butte District. If the ground differs in hardness or other characteristics it will require different strengths of timber. Drift timbers might range from eight by eights to twelve by twelves, and if power haulage is used, it would be necessary to have two sizes of drifts.

> Restriction in sizes, in this case, would mean a waste of timber, as the next largest size would have to be selected for the necessary strength.

> The general design of timber structures may be standardized, but the principal objects should be simplicity of design and for ease in erection. This would appear particularly in ore chutes and manways. In manways the question is principally a matter of safety, while in chutes it is a matter of durability, and ease in loading from them.

> There is probably a wider divergence in the use of ties for tracks than in any other. Very little is accurately known of the bearing power of ground to support ties, but there should be a relation between the space of the ties and the weight of the load on the rail. If ties are spaced too closely, there will not be sufficient ballasting material to hold them in place. Stiffening the rail section will spread the weight of the load over a greater number of ties, and

braces may be used on curves if the spikes loosen.

There has been recently an active development in the use of Gunite to avoid the use of timbers. It seems to be successful in many cases, and is worthy of great attention. Ground which slacks on exposure to the air can be held in place with a light coat and in some cases heavier ground can be held more cheaply with Gunite than with timber. The use of Gunite is quite new and its principles are not yet thoroughly understood, but its advantages are so great in economy and for fire-proofing that its use will be greatly increased in the next few years.

Economy in the use of timber depends very largely in avoiding its use by selecting a method of mining which requires little of it. Further economies can be made by preserving it so that it will not have to be replaced before it can be abandoned. In many places its necessity is only temporary, but in shafts, chutes and permanent drifts, it often fails by decay rather than by crushing.

The use of timber preservatives in metal mines has not



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gone very far. A thorough treatment is costly, and there are not many places available for convenient treatment, which should be done after the timber is framed. There are a number of different liquids used for timber preservation. Creosote or some more or less similar oil product is used in the largest number of cases. It is suspected of increasing the fire risk, but the matter is still in dispute and it is probable that the inflammability is soon reduced by the rapid evaporation of the most volatile constituents.

A less thorough treatment by painting or dipping which can be done at the mine offers some advantages. It is not so expensive, but may still add appreciably to the life of the timber, and may in fact yield greater economy.

Beyond these generalities it is difficult to go. It will be desirable to encourage the more general use of framing plants at the source for the benefit of small mines. The use of rational designs in framing of all kinds should be encouraged, although they need not necessarily be the same for all districts. Although the benefits arising from timber preservation are acknowledged in principle, very little reliable information is available on its value in any particular district. Elaborate tables have been published showing the point at which timber treatment will pay, but as they are based on the comparative life of treated and untreated timber, few mines can use them for lack of exact knowledge of the life of untreated timber and the increased life which various treatments will give. Observations, tests and records should be made in all districts so that it can be known, as soon as possible, where the advantage of treatment lies.

### CONSTRUCTIVE COMMENT ON STANDARDIZATION IN THE MINING INDUSTRY

A dearth of specific information exists concerning the value of various methods of mine timber preservation, due mainly to the length of time which must elapse before practical demonstration of ability of the preservative agents to offer protection against decay can be obtained. Valuable information on the subject is included in a recent exchange of correspondence between George E. Collins, governor, Colorado Chapter, American Mining Congress, and Gerald Sherman, consulting engineer of the Phelps Dodge Corporation and author of the foregoing article.

#### OBSERVATIONS OF LONG EXPERIENCE

#### Mr. Collins' letter follows:

I have just been looking over the second Standardization Bulletin of the American Mining Congress, in which you refer to the importance of timber preservation. The only data on this subject in the Bulletin is the paper by R. R. Hornor and G. M. Hunt, which does not seem to me to carry our knowledge beyond the point where we were twenty years ago. At the Newhouse Tunnel, Idaho Springs, Colo., where the

At the Newhouse Tunnel, Idaho Springs, Colo., where the life of timbers had been short and the cost of replacements heavy, I made experiments in the period, 1907-1909, with the use of timbers treated by the hot and cold open-tank method with carbolineum and coal-tar creosote, and also of steel sets dipped in preservative paint.

A record was kept of the sets treated, with cost of treatment, etc. Early in 1909 I resigned the management of the Tunnel Company and acted as consulting engineer for about eighteen months, since when I have had no connection with it. On a recent visit I was told that there was no longer any record of the treated timbers, and that none had been treated since I left. I however, recollected their position in some cases, and observed that these were still in good condition. From my recollection of the life of untreated timbers, I should judge that treated sets had lasted at least twice, probably more than three times as long.

Before I left the tunnel I had heard of some men making complaint of the odor of the creosote, which in unventilated drifts was quite strong. I had supposed the creosote to be harmless. Several years later, however, I read in the newspapers of a case of a man who had worked in the tunnel suffering from what one doctor attributed to creosote poisoning. I understand this man died; but from what I heard at the time it seemed very doubtful whether the cause alleged was true. I think that the question of possible poisoning resulting from the use or handling of creosote timbers should be investigated, before we go much further with it. I have never tried treatment with zinc chloride, because I supposed it would be too likely to dissolve out.

The fire hazard of creosoted timbers must, it seems to me, be greater than that of untreated timbers, although the companies which sell carbolineum deny it. In a considerable proportion of vein-mines, however, the increased inflammability is no serious objection, because (excepting in a few places where guniting can be used) the timbers are constantly exposed to dripping water or in contact with damp rock, and cannot burn.

#### URGES IMMEDIATE ACTION

The following is Mr. Sherman's discussion of the points developed by Mr. Collins, to whom it is addressed:

Your letter of April 11, addressed to Mr. Gerald Sherman, concerning the article by Mr. Hornor and myself, which was printed in the second Standardization Bulletin of the American Mining Congress has been referred to me for comment, and I am very glad of the opportunity to discuss this matter with you.

Mr. Hornor and I had prepared a comprehensive article on mine timber preservation to be presented to the mine timber committee last October but we found it would be impossible for the Mining Congress to publish such a long article. We, therefore, made a very brief abstract of it, and this is the article published in the Standardization Bulletin. I am enclosing for your information a manuscript copy of the complete article. You will note that it gives considerable detailed information about preservatives and processes and their effectiveness.

The experience you had with creosoted timbers at the Newhouse Tunnel is in agreement with the results of many other experiments which have been made. Taken all together these experiments establish conclusively the fact that preservative treatment effectively prolongs the life of timber, and we have now come to the point where we do not need further experiments as much as we need to apply the knowledge already secured.

Experiments should be continued, of course, in order to find better preservatives and processes, but it is not necessary for mining companies to go to the expense of conducting these experiments and waiting years for the results. What we want them to do is to choose, from the various preservatives and processes now available, the one which is most suitable for their use and then use it as extensively and continuously as possible. In this way the savings of money and timber and labor can begin immediately instead of waiting for 20 years more.

You will note that we do not recommend either creosote or zinc chloride as being the best under all conditions. Excellent results may be obtained with either. The creosote is more permanent in its effect but is sometimes objected to on account of color, odor, or possible fire hazard. While we do not consider either of these very serious objections as a rule, there may be cases where they become of considerable importance. When they do, the mine operator can turn to zinc chloride and avoid these objections. Zinc chloride is cheaper than creosote and cleaner but not quite so permanent.

I doubt very much if the man you refer to was poisoned by creosote. If he was, it is the first case I have heard of where creosote fumes seriously injured anyone. I have worked around tanks of hot creosote for weeks at a time in the field and our laboratory is frequently filled with creosote fumes of much greater concentration than one can get in a mine drift from creosoted timbers. There are hundreds of men throughout the country working at creosote plants and handling treated timber for their living. The odor is undoubtedly unpleasant to some men, but not dangerous. It may cause labor troubles and thus be legitimately objected to but illness of any consequence is not to be expected.

There is some evidence from fires which have occurred in creosoted structures which indicates greater inflammability than in untreated wood. Conflicting evidence, however, does not permit any conclusive statement on the subject.

# COAL INVESTIGATION SEEN AS ELEMENT IN PLAN FOR "PERMANENT SETTLEMENT"

## By IRA L. SMITH

**T** HE GOVERNMENT has decided to make an investigation of the coal industry with a view to securing information intended to serve as a basis for a "permanent settlement" of the industry's labor troubles. High officials of the administration declare present knowledge of details of the coal industry's operation is an insufficient foundation for intelligent and enduring effort toward ironing out complexities which are sapping the life of the industry.

## "COAL INVESTIGATION"

Such an investigation probably will be inspired by executive order, since it scarcely will be deemed practical to wait upon Congress to pass legislation on the subject, say those who are acquainted with official views. It is added that the work will be entirely apart from the survey of the coal industry to be made by the standing organization of the unemployment conference after the strike has been settled.

No comment has been heard regarding the authority of the President to order such an investigation.

Prior to the conference held by President Harding with representatives of the operators and union miners, it was evident that the government would use the prophesy of a gloomy future for union production as a means of inducing cooperation in its plans and, more immediately, a compromise of conflicting demands concerning the scope of conferences on wage agreements.

Bankruptcy within four years was prophesied for both operators and miners engaged in union coal production if conditions are not radically changed. A high authority declared that non-union mines will so increase their production within that length of time by undercutting union coal prices that the union mines will be forced to close down, with the non-union properties able to supply the full needs of the country.

#### AWAKE TO SITUATION

The operators have been wide awake to the effect upon them of this situation in the marketing of coal; hence, this rather startling statement by a leading government official can goad them into little further action. Union leaders, however, appear to have been blind to the fact that their own policy has been eating the ground out from beneath them, and they accordingly will have to take the longest steps toward evading fate.

These steps can take no other immediate direction than toward a compromise which will in a measure agree to the district wage agreements against which the union has been making a determined stand.

Once the dispute over territory to be covered in wage agreements is ended, the basis for a temporary settlement will be laid. This temporary settlement, relieving the present situation and renewing general production of coal, will serve as a scaffolding for the construction of a permanent settlement. With the immediate trouble disposed of, the administration will center its attention upon the investigation.

Guided by the information obtained from this procedure, the government hopes to enter into the succeeding phases of its plans, which very likely will involve enactment of new legislation. Although these plans have been kept well under cover during their present state of premeditation, it is admitted that they hold something entirely new for the industry and thus it is highly probable that the agency which must be created for their administration will be brought into being by legislation.

Secretary Hoover's position, as a guiding spirit of the administration in dealing with the coal situation, makes it of interest to note that this entire outline of action fits in most admirably with his favorite method of giving an impetus to plans in which the public is directly concerned on a large scale. He always has showed a marked liking for the system under which a plan is developed behind the scenes, then placed in the hands of a conference or committee to receive the approbation that will give a firm footing upon which to make further progress.

## Deadlocked Situation Appears

Following the conference held June 26 between President Harding, Secretary of Labor Davis and John L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers of America, it became apparent that the strike situation was tightly deadlocked, with both the operators and miners firmly entrenched in their demands concerning the nature of wage conferences. The administration, it seems, had felt that the logical time had arrived in which to make another valiant effort to bring the two elements together, the probability being that the Herrin massacre and other recent developments were thought to have centered public attention upon the strike sufficiently to create an added desire for tentative plans for negotiation.

The President, however, found Mr. Lewis no more inelined to enter into district conferences than before. In view of this situation, there seems no other alternative for the government to pursue than to devote its attention to development of a Hoover plan.

Turning to the present, close observers are openly declaring that Congress would have initiated and pushed coal legislation during the past month had it not been that Secretary Hoover's plan for holding down the prices of coal proved so successful, once its critics refrained from their attacks.

Given a chance to prove itself, Secretary Hoover's plan proceeded to hold prices at a stationary level, regardless of the fact that the strike was in its tenth week when the senatorial attack was called off to see of what stuff the Secretary's idea was made. With bituminous coal prices scaling between \$2.90 and \$3.10 during the third week of last month, no amount of demagogic ranting could have justified any finding of fault with the situation or charges that high profits were being made.

#### DEMONSTRATION OF PRACTICALITY

It was not until a certain element had been quieted, however, that the remarkable manner in which the Hoover arrangement could work was demonstrated. Searcely had the plan been formulated when echoes came wafting down from Capitol Hill, bearing the charges that coal prices had been "boosted" by 100 percent as a result of the "individual agreement" which Secretary Hoover established with each operator. Difficulty is found in efforts attempting to discover the motive and inspiration for this criticism which came near to undoing a system which stands at the present moment as an ideal protector of the coal industry against public criticism. Several stories are in circulation as to how Senators Borah, Idahe, and Walsh, Massachusetts, who led the attack on the floor, initiated or were led to initiate their program. The retailers deny that they went to the Senators and complained against the plan. Some tell a story of being threatened with a subpoena if "they didn't tell what was going on." The most logical theory of origination of the flare is that which points to a certain element of the retailers as the spot where the turbulence of a few days began, later bringing the entire retail dealers' organization into the light of antagonism to Secretary Hoover's plan.

Regardless of how the verbal melee and shower of pungent correspondence began, the plan soon was supported by thorough cooperation on the part of all branches of the coal industry, the retailers' stand being shown by circulars sent to all members of their organization in which the agreement with Secretary Hoover is outlined in detail.

In clinching the retailers in the position which he desired them to occupy during the present emergency. Secretary Hoover continued to exhibit the keen ability which he has shown in handling the situation since first he deemed it advisable to take open action in connection with coal prices. After the retailers apparently had broken bounds following their agreement to cooperate with the Secretary in his "moral obligation" system, he simply brought their representatives together in his office with those of the operators, who were somewhat in the position of "having the buck passed to them." A quiet conference ensued and ideal results were obtained, judging by the economic calm which settled immediately.

The operators of western Kentucky were the only ones remaining "outside the fold" when the plan finally got under way, and reports reaching Secretary Hoover after the twentieth of last month indicated that these operators were receiving from \$4.25 to \$5 a ton for their coal, while the \$3.50 maximum was considerably above the country-wide level, illustrating the cooperation of bituminous operators of the country with the Secretary. Discussing the position of the western Kentucky operators, a high government official recently said:

"It is a good thing for the situation in general that some few operators have failed to take part in the agreement which the vast body of producers so commendably has adopted. Their action gives the country at large a chance to see an inkling of what might have happened to coal prices had not the Secretary taken the action he did."

### REFINERS TO AID COMPILATION OF OIL INVESTIGATION DATA

DETERMINATION IS FEATURING Senator La Follette's efforts to send the investigation of the petroleum industry, recently approved by the Senate, delving deeply into matters relating to the stocks and prices of crude oil, gasoline and other related products. The services of an attorney have been retained by the Senate Committee on Manufactures, which is to make the investigation provided for in Senator La Follette's resolution, and it has been intimated that no stone will be left unturned by that body in its efforts to gain all possible information.

#### Asks Fall for Data

One of the first moves taken following adoption of the resolution came in the request made by Senator La Follette, as chairman of the committee, of Secretary Fall, asking that the Interior Department assist the investigation by submitting such statistics as it possesses bearing on the subject.

These statistics have been given to the Interior De-

partment by the producers and refiners with the undertanding that they were to be made public as totals only and that the returns from the various companies were to be considered as confidential. Wishing to hold these confidences inviolate, and still desiring to comply with the Senate committee's request for information, the Interior Department has been placed in a unique situation.

#### SEEKS REFINERS' OPINION

It is as a result of this situation that producers and refiners throughout the country last week received letters from the department, asking whether they have objections to the material being submitted to the committee, to be spread upon the records, or made public, or in any other way the committee deems to use it.

A general desire to cooperate with the department is shown in letters received from the refiners in answer to the department's communications.

The Senate resolution specifically provides the committee with the power to summon witnesses, subpoena those supposed to have information, and compel answers under oath. It is in this connection that the department has addressed the members of the oil industry as follows:

"While the committee desires to respect the wishes of this department, nevertheless, unless the particular information which otherwise would be withheld by such officials may be released, the committee would, of course, be compelled to subpoen the refiners, not departmental officials, supposed to possess the information and demand this of them."

#### DETAILS OF INVESTIGATION

The resolution proposes investigation of the following details of the petroleum industry:

Stocks at the end of each month for the years 1920, 1921, and 1922, and the holders or owners thereof.

The prices of crude oil, gasoline, and other petroleum products during these months, and their relation to each other.

Whether or not the recent increases or other recent price changes have been uniform or restricted to particular sections.

Profits of companies refining and marketing petroleum during the period covered by the investigation.

Whether there is any natural reason for the changes in price.

Whether there is any understanding among members of the industry to effect these price changes, or any combination to prevent competition.

#### COAL DIVISION IN COMMERCE BUREAU

THE FUEL DIVISION of the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce, which has been devoting itself to the interests of both the coal and the oil industries since it was created shortly after Secretary Hoover became head of the Department of Commerce, has been divided into two separate divisions, one to care for each commodity. Henry C. Morris, who has been chief of the Fuel Division as it has combined the two branches, is head of the Petroleum Division of the Bureau. The new Coal Division will be under the direction of F. R. Wadleigh, who has been handling the coal work under the old system.

As his assistant under the new organization, Mr. Wadleigh will have Wayne P. Ellis, formerly of the Davis Coal and Coke Company, who has been working on the coal strike situation for the Department of Commerce during recent weeks.

# DANGEROUS LEGISLATION SEEKS TO LIMIT APPEAL FROM DECISIONS OF STATE COMMISSIONS

**B** NACTMENT of pending Federal legislation proposing to eliminate the right to appeal from orders of any state administrative authority whatever, save through the biased tendencies of the state courts, will shackle Justice in her efforts to operate fairly in settling disputed questions rising out of decrees of state commissions involving the mining and other industries. This legislation, embodied in a bill introduced by Representative Isaac Bacharach, New Jersey, would grant the state commissions practical immunity from reversal of their decisions. These are the opinions which have crystallized in the minds of leading legal authorities fol-

lowing extended discussions of the bill before a subcommittee of the House committee on the judiciary, before which body the measure now is pending.

Opponents of the measure who have risen to a full appreciation of the dangers of this legislation also point out that its passage would deprive non-resident property owners of the existing right of protection under the Federal laws and the Constitution, since they could not bring action in the state courts because of their non-resident status.

The proposal to deprive the Federal courts of their jurisdiction over cases based upon decrees of state commissions is now pending before the House committee on the judiciary. Since its introduction, January 31, 1922, the measure has been made the subject of extended hearings. During the most recent session, held late in May, a concentrated fire of logical and tangible objections were leveled at the bill by Alfred P. Thom, of Washington, who appeared in behalf of the Association of Railway Executives.

Primarily, the chief objection to the bill raised by Mr. Thom and others who had testified at preceding sessions rests in the argument that Congress does not possess the constitutional authority to eliminate any portion of the Federal judicial machinery without constructing agencies or means of replacing that which has been eliminated.

The broad language of the bill as it now stands makes its provisions applicable to many state administrative agencies whose activities closely concern the mining industry. Among these are included state tax commissions, securities commissions, public utilities commissions, industrial commissions, and many other individual agencies possessed of the power of issuing regulations affecting the development of natural resources in a more or less direct manner.

Should the bill pass and any one of this host of state bodies issue a regulation inimical to the industrial organization affected, no recourse of appeal would be available except through the state tribunals, which it has been charged openly, often are so biased in cases of this sort as to cause a warping of judgment.

CHARLES S. THOMAS

The full text of the bill follows:

"Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That no district or circuit court of the United States or judge thereof shall have jurisdiction to entertain any bill of complaint to suspend or restrain the enforcement, operation, or execution of any order made by an administrative board or commission in any State, acting under and pursuant to the statutes of such State, where such order was made after hearing upon notice, nor to entertain jurisdiction of any bill of complaint to suspend or restrain the enforcement, operation, or execution of the statute under which such order was made in any case where under the statutes of that State provision

is made for a judicial review of such order upon the law and the facts:

*Provided*, That nothing herein contained shall limit or affect in any manner the jurisdiction of district and circuit courts of the United States and judges thereof in matters affecting interstate commerce, nor to prohibit such court or courts or the judges thereof from entertaining any bill of complaint to suspend or restrain the enforcement, operation, or execution of any order made by an administrative board or commission in any State in so far as such order affects interstate commerce.

Advocates of the measure seek to meet arguments showing that the right of appeal is being denied in effect by declaring that any case may be taken to the United States Supreme Court after it has passed through the chain of state courts as demanded by the bill. Answering this contention, those who are fighting the bill stress the point that such appeals to the Supreme Court can be made only where errors have been made in handling the cases, and that it would be impossible to gain a review of the facts upon which the state agencies based their decisions.

"The fact that the decisions of the state courts may be carried to the Supreme Court of the United States for review does not save the situation," Mr. Thom told the subcommittee of the House judiciary committee, before which body the bill is pending, "for when a case is carried there from the highest court of a state it must be by writ of error, and under this writ the judicial power of relief in respect to constitutional rights would be essentially impaired, because on a writ of error, the Supreme Court could only review questions of law and not questions of fact, whereas constitutional rights frequently depend entirely upon the determination of questions of fact.

Definite opposition to the bill also has been voiced during the hearings by former Senator Charles S. Thomas, of Colorado, who told the subcommittee that he did not hesitate to say that "this bill is objectionable from the constitutional standpoint, to say nothing of the fact that in its practical operation it is bound, in my judgment, to prove disastrous.

"This bill is designed to reach a class of cases which will arise from rules of commissions existing or to be enacted in the future that will challenge the application thereto of such provisions of the constitution as the fourteenth amendment," Mr. Thomas continued. "It seeks to deny to the Federal courts the right to preserve the property and the rights of individuals pending the determination of the constitutional question and thereby in my judgment impinges upon the fourteenth amendment."

#### BASED ON NEW JERSEY CASE

Mr. Bacharach's bill was inspired specifically in the situation surrounding the setting aside by a Federal judge of the findings of the New Jersey state board of utility commissioners in connection with an application by a utility company for permission to increase street car fares. "It has its genesis, therefore," said Mr. Thomas, "in the grievance of a certain locality which is dissatisfied with the determination of a court of justice and seeks relief by depriving the judiciary of the United States of the prerogative of interfering to restrain an injustice or the operation of an unconstitutional measure. That is the basis nowadays of a great deal of legislation, perhaps the majority of the legislation, which Congress considers."

A glance at the list of names of those who appeared before the House committee to advocate the bill is sufficient indication that the measure simply is an effort on the part of those who desire to furnish every possible support to enforcement of state commission's decisions, without an absolute regard as to whether justice is being looked squarely in the eye while the support is being rendered. These efforts, of course, are inspired by the desire on the part of each state to exercise its authority over industry to the best possible advantage, but it cannot be denied that fairness calls for a check of some sort being placed upon this authority.

## SPECIAL PRESSURE INDICATED

Special pressure is being placed behind these efforts in mining states, it would appear. Of the list of twenty states whose commissions authorized John E. Benton, general solicitor of the National Association of Railway and Utilities Commissioners, to appear in their special interests at the recent hearings, all but two are states in which mining is a leading industry. This special interest was shown by the commissions of the following states: Arizona, Colorado, Florida, Idaho, Kansas, Michigan, Montana, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New Mexico, North Dakota, Ohio, Oklahoma, South Dakota, Tennessee, Utah, Virginia, Washington and West Virginia.

The subcommittee has not yet given consideration to the bill in executive session following the hearings, and accordingly no report has been made to the full committee, with no basis available for a forecast as to when this action will be taken.

## COAL VENTILATION STUDIES

D ETERMINATION of various factors connected with the problem of coal mine ventilation is to be sought by new investigation undertaken by the Bureau of Mines at a Pittsburgh station.

Detailed studies are to be carried on in efforts to arrive at definite conclusion concerning the following: most practical method for the measure of flow of air in mines; resistance of flow of air under various conditions of surface, cross sections and obstruction; the coefficient of friction; simple formula for mine ventilation calculation; and the flow of feed in coal and shale.

## FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION REPORTS ON BITUMINOUS COAL

THE FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION'S attitude toward the mining industry has once more become apparent. In its report to Congress on investments and profits of bituminous coal operators during the past six years, the commission recommends compilation of more accurate and complete information regarding ownership of bituminous coal deposits and mines, true investments therein and profit therefrom; ascertainment of profits of selling companies owned by or affiliated with mining companies and wholesale and other dealers in coal, and establishing the coal industry in the public confidence and protecting it by devising means of Federal supervision and publicity to avoid periods of excessively high prices and severe depression.

The commission believes it possesses full power under its organic act to require from operators facts concerning ownership of coal supply and production and trade imports, but states it is seeking final legal determination of its powers by the Maynard Coal Co. and Claire Furnace cases, now pending in courts in the District of Columbia.

The commission says coal operators should keep separate books for mining coal and holding coal lands for use in the future. The net margin in the sale of coal could then be provided by the investment necessary to mine and sell present output, giving a real return on present operations, says the commission, adding that the present system of including investment in excess coal lands makes the rate of return and the price of coal appear more reasonable.

The commission has figures for only 7 large companies as a basis for determining the amount of investment in excess tonnage. These companies hold nearly 666,000,000 tons, the report declares, estimated to last 108 years, based on their maximum production for 1918. For each ton of coal bought by consumers, over 20 cents a ton would be required if these companies were to pay only six percent on \$22,000,000 invested in excess reserves, it is estimated by the commission.

## HEAVY DECREASE IN COAL EXPORTS

**E** FFECTS of the coal strike upon the export coal trade of the United States became distinctly visable during the month of May, according to statistics compiled by the coal section of the Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce, showing extremely heavy decreases.

Exportation of bituminous coal during May amounted to 399,551 tons, valued at \$1,910,476, as compared with 2,500,374 tons exported during May, 1921, with a value of \$15,064,047. Exports during the eleven months eading May 31, 1922, were 12,495,250 tons, valued at \$65,011,931, as compared with 283,157,675 tons exported during the corresponding period in 1921, with a value of \$283,157,675.

Comparisons of anthracite exportation during May of this year as compared with the same month in 1921 shows a decrease from 434,308 tons, valued at \$4,675,053, to 60,860 tons, with a value of 584,573. Proportionate losses are shown in comparisons for the eleven-months periods.

Exportation of coke showed an increase during May as compared with the same month in 1921, totaling 21,794 tons, valued at \$201,124, as compared with 15,641 tons, valued at \$151,840. Comparison of the eleven-months periods for the two years, however, shows a decrease of approximately sixty percent in tonnage.

# WAR MINERALS CASES ARE TO BE SPEEDED BY INCREASED STAFF

W AR MINERALS relief cases pending before the Interior Department are to be speeded toward settlement under a policy placed in effect this month calling for an enlargement of the organization under Commissioner Robinson. A determination has been made by high officials supervising these cases to dispose of the pending claims by expedited action, and it is with this end in view that three assistant engineers and a number of auditors will be added to the commission's staff.

#### WILL HANDLE FIELD WORK

Under the new organization, the assistant engineers will cover the field work connected with approximately 450 claims which have been reopened by the amended war minerals act and on which the old commission had not taken up engineering investigation, simply dropping them because they did not come within the terms of the old act as regarded stimulation. Added to this work will be the routine field investigations. Reports will be made to a chief engineer, located in Washington, who will consolidate them, add his opinion as a supervising engineer, and pass the records in the case to the auditors, from whom the data will move to the commissioner, thence to the Secretary's office for final approval. It was expected late last month that C. E. Julihn, already associated with the commission as engineer, would be appointed chief engineer, with the assistant engineers to be selected from among those who were with the former commission and have since become connected with the machinery of the Bureau of Mines.

The new organization will be so constructed as to coincide with plans laid by the department when the former commission was dissolved. This policy calls for one administrative head, versed in legal matters, to balance the facts as they are developed and submitted by the engineering and auditing branches of the commission's machinery.

#### CRITICAL OPINION NOW ANSWERED

Expressions of opinion in certain quarters that it would be better to adopt the original plan of a commission with three members, one of whom would be an engineer, last week were brought to the attention of officials. It was during discussion of this opinion that announcement of the new plan was made, showing that engineering ability is to be massed and concentrated on the field work, with a single administrative head to pass upon the facts after they have been stripped of their technical phases and the audits have been completed.

Judge Edward C. Finney, first assistant secretary of the department, in discussing the situation, pointed out that by the time the engineers and auditors have completed their work on a case, further consideration centers upon a comparison of the developed facts with the law for the purpose of deciding if an award is justified under the terms of the act. That this final judgment is purely legal in nature is the opinion of Judge Finney, and it is this view which prompted the department many months ago to decide upon war minerals relief commission with a single administrative head. Judge Finney laid emphasis upon the fact that the arrangement does not in any way lose sight of the importance of the engineering work of the commission, emphasizing additions to the staff which will enable field work to be carried on with increased efficiency, while the chief engineer will

remain in Washington to be in constant contact with department officials.

Progress made in Congress by the bill creating new federal judges in several states, which will undoubtedly soon become a law, may affect the war mineral relief situation. Should one of these judicial appointments be tendered Judge Robinson, it is, of course, possible that he would prefer to return to the bench. He is known to have a marked favor for jurisprudence. He was for many years chief justice of the Supreme Court of West Virginia, and any extension of the federal judiciary in that state would quite probably evidence a wide desire for his appointment.

Officials last week forecasted an early decision in the Western Rock Properties case, which has been pending before Secretary Fall for some time, upon which hinges settlement of the issue of whether the department can assign profits from one mining operation not stimulated by the government, conducted by a claimant to cover losses sustained by war minerals activities under another operation by the same owners which had been stimulated. Approximately one hundred cases will be affected by this decision. If it is ruled that the department has not the right to take such profits to cover the losses involved, many cases will be reopened and the amount of money to be paid out by the commission in awards may be appreciably increased. It is being pointed out, however, that the decision will not be taken simply and purely as a blanket opinion which will operate alike in all cases, but that it will be modified to conform with the particular conditions involved in each particular case or group of similar cases.

Action as indicated has been taken upon the following claims:

#### AWARDS RECOMMENDED BY COMMISSIONER

Eleanore Manganese Co., Inc., Butler, Tenn.; \$1,243.35 recommended. Affirmed by secretary.

H. B. Greever, Bluefield, W. Va.; \$5,626.67 recommended. Affirmed by secretary.

Audley H. Stowe, Bluefield, W. Va.; \$8,568.97 recommended. Affirmed by secretary.

Edmund Putman, Johnson City, Tenn.; \$899.18 recommended. Affirmed by secretary.

Coates & Tweed, Duluth, Minn.; \$59,323.20 recommended. Affirmed by secretary.

Shelby J. Gish, Big Timber, Mont.; \$5,436.25 recommended. Affirmed by secretary.

Markstein-Dorn Mining Co., and Carribee Mining Co., J. W. Brockman, owner, Atlanta, Ga.; \$32,404.50 recommended. Affirmed by secretary.

Ernest A. Garrison, Forest Hill, Cal.; \$1,540.75 recommended.

C. N. Gordon and L. C. Emery, Yreka, Cal.; \$548.81 recommended.

G. A. St. Clair, Duluth, Minn.; \$7,724.05 recommended.

Ashby, Long, Stables & West, Montrose, Colo.; \$1,450.39 recommended.

H. C. Stiles, Cartersville, Ga.; \$101.85 recommended.

#### DISALLOWANCE RECOMMENDED

Robert Brown, Elko, Nevada; claim of no commercial importance.

C. E. Groce Blythe, Cal.; insufficient showing as to stimulation.

F. M. Knight, Prairie City, Oregon; claim not within the Act.

M. E. Holter and J. A. Faucher, Grant's Pass, Ore.; no additional award.

The Gose Mines, Burk's Garden, Va.; no additional award.

John Madrid, Angel's Camp, Cal.; commissioner holds that elaim may be a meritorious one, but can not be further considered as presented.

W. E. Cranmer, Fresno, Cal.; claim of no commercial importance after date of stimulation.

Louis L. Cleaner, Prairie City, Ore.; claim not within the Act.

Carolina Chrome Co., Waynesville, N. C.; no additional award.

W. H. Shewan, Fanning, Nevada; no additional award.

Herman Neipp, Blythe, Cal.; claim of no commercial importance.

Salt Lake Tungstonia Mines Co., Preston, Idaho; no stimulation established.

Harry W. Boynton, San Francisco, Cal.; no stimulation established.

Thomas Bessler, Jr., Sumpter, Oregon; no stimulation established.

Altshuler & Berger, San Francisco, Cal.; no additional award.

Matchless Tungsten Mining Co., Denver, Colo.; claim of no commercial importance, and no stimulation established.

Rare Metals Production Co., Denver, Colo.; no stimulation established.

Andrew Mandoli, Anaconda, Mont.; claim of no commercial importance.

Rare Metals Ore Co., Denver, Colo.; insufficient showing as to stimulation.

Butte Central Mining & Milling Co., Boston, Mass.; no additional award.

Alexander Caldwell, Benmore, Utah; no stimulation established.

Boulder River Chrome Co., Great Falls, Mont.; no additional award.

Arata & Palmer, San Luis Obispo, Cal.; no loss sustained.

Manganese Products Co., Modesto, Cal.; claim of no commercial importance, and no stimulation established.

Casey, Brown & Saunders, Batesville, Ark.; claim of no commercial importance, and no stimulation established.

Joan Mining Co., Duluth, Minn.; no loss sustained.

James T. Dobbins, Salt Lake City, Utah; no stimulation established, and claim of no commercial importance.

Sulphur Gulch Manganese Mines, San Francisco, Cal.; claim not within the Act.

Dibble & Arata, San Luis Obispo, Cal.; no net loss sustained.

Richard J. Fledderman, Yreka, Cal.; claim not within the Act.

Compania Minera de Julinicum, Havana, Cuba; no stimulation established.

W. H. Weller, Jr., Birmingham, Ala.; claimant was merely prospecting and the claim was of no commercial importance.

Compania Nacional de Cobre Y Ore, Havana, Cuba; no stimulation established and there was no loss sustained.

Grant Chrome Co., Inc., Prairie City, Ore.; claim of no commercial importance.

James T. Dobbins, Salt Lake City, Utah; claimant's motion for rehearing does not warrant modification of former decision.

## SMALLER LAND OFFICES ARE CLOSED BY CONGRESSIONAL ACTION

S EVERAL land offices in western states are under orders for discontinuance as a result of a move for economy made by Congress in cutting off appropriations for the coming fiscal year for offices where the revenues collected or acreage supervised are smaller than average. Efforts to retain eleven of the doomed offices proved futile when the House refused to take up under a special rule the bill previously passed by the Senate making this provision, though appropriating no funds.

The inhibitory clause contained in the section of the Department of the Interior appropriation bill provides that land offices where cost of maintenance exceeded onethird of the revenues for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1921, be discontinued, as well as offices where the area of vacant public land is less than 100,000 acres. These provisions will bring about the discontinuation of nineteen offices.

The bill specifically excepts all offices where officials are to be consolidated, and also offices at Eureka, Calif.; Burns, Ore., and Seattle, Wash. Offices not mentioned in the following schedule do not come within the scope of the measure and will be retained:

Arkansas: Camden, Harrison (both consolidated with Little Rock).

Colorado: Del Norte (consolidated with Pueblo, Hugo (consolidated with Pueblo), Sterling (consolidated with Denver).

Nebraska: Alliance, Broken Bow (both consolidated with Lincoln).

New Mexico: Clayton (consolidated with Santa Fe), Fort Sumner (consolidated with Russell), Tucumcari (consolidated with Russell).

North Dakota: Dickinson (consolidated with Bismarck), Minot (discontinued; the office has already been consolidated with Bismarck, hence the bill is inoperative, the Minot office being no longer in existence), Williston (Consolidated with Bismarck).

South Dakota: Bellefourche (consolidated with Rapid City), Gregory (consolidated with Pierre), Lemmon (consolidated with Pierre), Timber Lake (consolidated with Pierre).

Washington: Waterville (consolidated with Spo-kane).

## **MAGNESITE IN 1921**

REPORTS RECEIVED by the Geological Survey from producers of magnesite show that the quantity of crude magnesite sold or treated during the calendar year 1921 was 47,904 short tons, valued at the mines at \$510,177. This quantity was less than half that for the year 1920, and smaller than that for any year since 1916. California was the only producing state, and nearly all the product was calcined for use as plastic material. The output of domestic magnesite for use in refractory products was very small.

In contrast to the large decrease in domestic production there was an increase in imports, which consisted chiefly of crude magnesite. The apparent consumption of magnesite in the United States in 1921 was equivalent to about 113,500 short tons of crude magnesite, 58 percent of which was imported. This consumption is the lowest recorded for many years, probably largely because of conditions in the metallurgic industries, which consume, in the form of refractory material, most of the magnesite used.

# THE BROKEN YEAR AND HOW TO MEND IT

By George Otis Smith Director, U. S. Geological Survey

THE PRESENT lack of public anxiety over the coal situation is not at all novel. The popular feeling toward coal has always been a sort of Irish variety of chills and fever. The average citizen doesn't get thoroughly warmed up on the coal question until he begins to get chilly. Thus it happens that a midsummer coal shortage is likely to be a lukewarm affair.

Yet disregard of unpleasant facts does not stave off disaster. Paralysis of industry and transportation on a country-wide scale is the natural outcome of a coal shortage if carried to the extreme that cannot be many weeks distant. Serious as the present stiluation is, however,

there are fundamental problems more insistent for solution than even the pending differences between employer and employe. These basal problems affect the whole coal industry to some degree but especially the bituminous branch. Clear up the economics of the business and a lasting settlement of labor controversy would become a possibility; leave these questions unanswered, and industrial peace cannot be expected to survive the usual two-year armistice.

What coal producers and coal consumers alike need is reform of the business rather than compromise between parties to the controversy, and in this reform it is absolutely essential that the mine worker should cooperate with the mine operator. Too long have the mine owners treated the coal business as private privilege and too long have the labor leaders with no less monopolistic attitude obstructed every move for underground efficiency and economy.

The people's coal costs too much because of the mistaken idea that mine owner and mine worker can continue to fight over contracts and rules. Cheaper coal and larger earnings will come when engineering is emphasized more and bargaining less.

In terms of engineering, the coal industry has a bad load factor; translated into human relations, poorly functioning mines mean poorly employed miners. A longer working year would seem, at first glance, desirable to mine owner, mine worker, and consumer alike. Why not get it?

The trouble with our soft coal mines is not so much the broken year as the broken month, the broken week, and even the broken day. The running time is broken into small pieces, for mine operation is not simply seasonal, it is intermittent. In that theoretical mine of the statistician, the average mine of the country, we find November a longer month than June, by 25 percent, and June longer than April, by 10 percent, and yet the working time in a normal November is only 19 to 21 days. And irregularity creeps into the working week and the working day, for Friday and Saturday are normally shorter days than Monday. Granted that the workers in other industries suffer the handicap of seasonal unemployment, our problem, and the national problem just now, is the betterment of the working time of coal mines, and especially bituminous coal mines.

That average mine is located nowhere in particular, and the average working time by states and fields shows marked and significant differences. The average year in the Southern Appalachian region is a fourth longer than the average year in the Central Competitive District. With 215 days as the average year for the whole country we find a 273-day average year in New Mexico, 247 days in Alabama, and 223 days in West Virginia, as against 202 days in Missouri, 197 days in Illinois, and 192 days in Oklahoma. For the soft coal miner this is plainly not a land of equal opportunity.

Markets, quality of coal, mine costs (including wage

scales), and car supply are all factors contributing to these differences in mine employment. Unfortunately, we can gage results better than determine causes; we know the industry to be wasteful, but where are the leaks? The lack of efficiency and the losses due to irregular operation are not universal, for many individual mines work 300 days in the year. Indeed in 1913 when the bituminous mines averaged 232 working days, onefourth of the half-million men in the industry were employed in mines that worked 280 days or more and nearly 50,000 of them in mines that worked 300 days or more. Our problem in industrial betterment, then, is simply to bring the average mine up to the best; to do that, unfavorable conditions must be replaced by favorable conditions.

First among methods of mending the broken year is the practical remedy of stablizing the coal market. Many reforms can begin

at home, and my first practical suggestion for bettering conditions of employment at the coal mine will be addressed to the coal consumer. A more regular market for the mine's output is the first essential, and here is the consumer's opportunity to cooperate. You and I need to buy coal at times when we need the coal least. Off-season delivery of coal, even to the small consumer, whose name is legion, will help materially to make the mine worker's June more like his November. Also, each of us should buy of one dealer, not "shop" for coal. If you or I speculate in our 10-ton purchases of coal, how can we deplore the speculative tendency of our coal dealer and the chain of business hazards thus initiated? Is it not plain that the retail dealer who can depend on his regular trade can himself be a better customer of the wholesaler or the selling agent of the mine? The large consumer can do even more to smooth out the irregularities of mine operation by making long-term contracts, even five-year contracts, and providing for delivery to suit the mine as well as himself. Such contracts could be made at lowest prices, for with long-term contracts in hand the mine operator could reduce his costs to a minimum. With such a steady market, full year operation and steady employment would become possible-the mine worker would earn a year's wage, and the public would not pay for idleness. That reform,



With market demands more regular, it will become even more obvious that the overdeveloping industry must suffer deflation; fewer mines and fewer miners can and should furnish the needed coal. Mr. Peabody, as a representative operator, admits that one-third of the operating mines represent a burden on the industry, and he suggests their elimination through bankruptcy. Ellis Searles, the editor of the United Mine Workers' Journal, admits that 150,000 miners, like one-third of the mines, should be eliminated, and he suggests that they leave the mine for the farm. Mr. Peabody estimates that the idle days of our bituminous mines involve an annual loss to the capital and labor employed of not less than \$400,000,000, and I suspect that most of this loss is paid by the consumer.

## THE ONLY POSSIBLE METHOD

A longer working year for a reduced force is the only possible method of bringing about the lower wage scale and the larger annual earnings, both of which are generally needed. It is largely by reason of the high unit rate of wages that coal costs too much, and on broad economic grounds it may well be questioned whether the producer should be paid a wage out of all proportion with the wage of the consumer. Can a \$5 a day workman afford to buy coal mined by a \$10 a day mine worker?

To hasten this needed deflation, even though it be accomplished through the working of the law of supply and demand, there must be a better informed and more aroused public opinion. The people need to realize more thoroughly that their industrial life as well as their domestic comfort depends upon coal. This business of mining and distributing coal ranks with the public utilities, and public regulation will surely come as need arises. The words of President Harding, "Deliberate public opinion never fails," expresses truth as app.icable now as in the days of Lincoln.

#### THE LIKELY DEFENSIVE NOTE

Whenever public interest is aroused in the coal question, the defensive note of the coal men is likely to be that appeal for "less government in business," ' an appeal with which I sympathize so far as governmental regulation might drag politics into business. The political danger that really confronts the coal business is that the leaders in the industry will too long be blind to the trend of the times. In this year of the independence of the United States of America, the 146th, the American people are not reactionary-the old ways of doing business are not to be the new ways. Our reverence for the privileges and rights of private business is giving way to a new attitude. We are asking what is private business and what is public business. Forced to extremes by private disregard of public interest, this tendency in popular thought may even become dangerous, and Secretary Hoover's recent statement to the operators that "if our coal industry does not govern itself it will surely b. governed by the public'' was a warning of that danger. So I suggest that if "less government in business" is desired, the best means to that end is more business in business. Our best mines are so planned and equipped and operated as to demonstrate how efficient coal mining can be, and a similar statement can doubtless be made of certain units in the merchandising of coal; yet the average coal mine and the average coal yard are far from being gratifying exhibits of that engineering ability of business thrift which we like to regard as typically American.

In bringing about the adoption of these higher standards and more business-like practices in the coal business, public opinion must be the force that refuses capital to open or operate unneeded mines, that refuses to pay wages or profits figured on an expectation of onethird idleness and two-thirds work, that encourages offseason purchase and storage of coal by consumers-and above all we need an enlightened public opinion that puts a ban alike upon the selfish disregard of the interests of the producer of coal by the purchaser, and of the interests of the consumer by both the mine operator and the mine worker. The present unhappy condition of the coal industry is not an aftermath of the war; rather the blame for most of the evils that burden the coal business and have burdened it for years must be laid on the common garden variety of blind selfishness. The sharp buying of coal and disregard of contracts whenever the market favors the buyer, the profiteering by the operator or dealer when his turn comes, the collective bargaining with the walk-out as the club-all these bring unnecessary hazards into the business and add useless costs to the product.

The general welfare is tied up with a regular supply of lower cost coal and larger earnings for those who produce it. And the responsibility for mending the broken year needs to be shared by the many who can help thus to bring about the economic and social benefits arising from coal that the nation's industry can afford to buy, and from mining towns of which the nation need not be ashamed.

## LABOR DEPARTMENT ATTEMPTS ANALYSIS OF IRREGULAR COAL OPERATIONS

N interesting attempt to analyze the "loss of time" by bituminous coal miners has been made by the Bureau of Labor Statistics, ascribing overdevelopment, business depression, and seasonal demand as the most important contributing factors to irregular employment.

Overdevelopment is emphasized in this respect. The bureau's report shows an average of 214 days of operation in each year for the past 32 years. This figure of 214 days of employment is interesting when compared to the statements made by representatives of the United Mine Workers at recent hearings before the House Committee on Labor, when the inference was given that the bituminous coal miners were employed on a far smaller number of days each year.

The bureau estimates that the total bituminous output of Illinois in 1919 could have been produced by 35 percent of the mines and 64 percent of the miners, working 304 days. It is being pointed out, however, by close students of the situation that this estimate is largely theoretical, since the problems of coal storage, transportation, and seasonal demands would operate largely against continuous operation of the mines, with information on these subjects and present conditions in their present status.

Pennsylvania anthracite collieries show less overmanning and overproduction than is indicated in the bituminous industry reports from 29 of these establishments showing an average of 287.7 days worked during the year ending October 31, 1921.

# NEW FUNDS FOR BUREAU OF MINES ELIMINATE FEAR OF CUT IN ACTIVITIES

THE BUREAU OF MINES has been granted a nominal increase in funds to cover expenditures during the coming fiscal year as compared with the money provided by Congress for its activities during the fiscal year just ended. In the face of the strict economy program which the government has been following so closely since the creation of the Bureau of the Budget, this increase in appropriations stands as acknowledgment by Congress of the importance of the mining industry. The increase, amounting to \$106,600, brings the bureau's available funds for the coming year up to \$1,580,900, and is especially noteworthy when consideration is given to

inclination on the part of those who control the Federal purse strings to gain economy at the expense of investigational agencies, rather than to cut funds intended for purely administrative bodies.

The bureau's appropriations for the new fiscal year are allotted to the organization's various activities as follows:

Mine safety investigations and activities, \$378,000; operation of mine rescue cars, \$211,000, an increase of \$51,000; purchase and equipment of mine rescue cars, \$75,000, being a new item; fuel investigations, \$136,000; mineral mining investigations, \$125,000; petroleum and natural gas investigations, \$135,000; expenses of mining experiment stations, \$170,000; mining station and mining inspection in Alaska, \$35,000, an increase of \$27,675; enforcement and administration of the leasing act, \$155,000, an increase of \$23,000; Looks and publications, \$1,000; purchase of land adjoining Pittsburgh station, \$28,000; maintenance of Pittsburgh station, \$55,000.

Among the most important increases is that given the bureau for the purpose of financing administration of the leasing act. So greatly have the bureau's activities in this connection increased during recent months that large additions are to be made to the fie'd staff supervising oil leasing, while Bert Dyer, formerly Federal mine inspector of Alaska, has been designated to take immediate charge of coal leasing work throughout the northern tier of the western states. Bureau officials declare that future increases in the amount of work which must be done in connection with enforcement of the leasing law will bring the total up to such a volume as to make it almost necessary for a separate bureau to be established within from five to ten years to conduct this work.

The substantial increase given the bureau for its work in Alaska indicates the intensity with which it is proposed to centralize efforts upon the development of the mineral resources of that territory. This largely will be accomplished by a plan which soon will be placed in effect, under which all the Federal activities connected with the mining industry in Alaska will be brought under the single immediate control of Benjamin D. Stewart, who has been territorial mining inspector. The work of the bureau's experts at the various stations will in some instances be rearranged with the opening weeks of the new fiscal year, so as to enable the greatest amount of ultimate benefit to be gained from their activities. Certain investigations which have been carried through to the conclusion of particular phases will be finished or recessed as their progress dictates and men who have engaged in these studies will devote their attentions to other subjects which are felt to be of more immediate importance.

A special demand on the part of the industry for

additional information concerning ventilation and health problems has caused the bureau to lay plans for devoting particular attention to these studies during the next few months. Certain ore dressing problems and studies in volitization which have been finished at the Salt Lake station are to be replaced by ventilation and health investigations to be carried on by a surgeon who is to be assigned specially to make these studies in the mines and camps of that district. Two additional engineers are to be assigned to the Butte district to do this same type of work in the mines of Montana. These experts are to devote much of their time to observation of the ventilation and health systems in use in the district and compilation cf the data obtained will later be made available to the industry at large.

Certain investigations in mineral mining, ore dressing, and laboratory investigations which have been carried on at the Pittsburgh station are to be concluded or recessed, and

are to be replaaced largely by investigations of more immediate interest, including a series of studies of spontaneous combustion of coal, and testing of the corroding tendencies of mine waters. A complete electrification of the experimental mine at Pittsburgh also is planned so that work may be carried on constantly through assurance of power at all times. Purchase of additional property bordering on the ground now occupied by the Pittsburgh station will prevent interference with and make possible future extension of work at that place.

Uneasiness on the part of operators who have felt that the bureau might be forced to curtail its work at the Salt Lake station has no real basis, it is pointed out by officials. The transfer of Lewis C. Karrick, who has been handling oil shale investigations at the Utah station, to the Boulder, Colo., station, mainly was responsible for this uneasiness, according to reports. Officials declare that the phases of oil shale work with which Mr. Carrick is most familiar have been completed so far as the work at the Salt Lake station is concerned, stating that the transfer does not indicate abandonment of any activities I ut merely efforts to make the best use of the qualifica-



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tions of individual experts. An engineer closely familiar with the next phases of the Salt Lake shale investigations soon will be assigned to the station.

A small allotment has been made to complete ceramic investigations uncompleted during the past year, the value of which would be totally lost were they to be dropped immediately as a result of the lack of additional appropriations by Congress for this specific purpose.

Fuel testing studies will be curtailed to conform to the cut in appropriations by decreasing some of the purely chemical phases of this work at the Pittsburgh station.

Present plans call for the appointment of a mining economist to assist H. S. Mulliken, director of the newly formed War Minerals Division of the bureau.

Two new mine rescue cars are to be purchased, one to replace the burned car which covered the Terre Haute District, and the other to supplant the wooden car which has been operating in West Virginia.

Expenses of the Geological Survey during the present fiscal year will be met by the following appropriations, which total \$1,450,940:

Topographic surveys, \$325,000; geologic surveys, \$300,000; chemical and physical researches, including potash, \$40,000; mineral resources reports, \$125,000; continuation of the investigation of the mineral resources of Alaska, \$75,000; water supply investigations, \$180,000.

The general land office is given \$718,070 for salaries. Appropriation of \$372,000 is also made for surveyors general in Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming. For registers and receivers of land offices. The bill consolidates the offices of registers and receivers into one office at the following land offices: Montgomery, Ala.; El Centro and Susanville, Calif.; Durango, Lamar and Montrose, Colo.; Coeur d'Alene and Lewiston, Idaho; Topeka, Kans.; Baton Rouge, La.; Cass Lake, Crookston and Duluth, Minn.; Jackson, Miss.; Billings, Great Falls, Kalispel, Missoula, Mont.; Lincoln, Nebr.; Elko, Nev.; Bismarck, N. D.; Pierre, S. D.; Vernal, Utah; Walla Walla and Yakima, Wash.

For contingent expenses of land offices, the bill appropriates \$350,000; to protect depredations on public lands and timber. \$525,000; survey of public lands, inspecting mineral deposits and coal fields, \$650,000.

Preferences in surveys are authorized, including lands subject to disposition under mineral land laws where the survey is not otherwise provided for. For the purchase of metal or other durable monuments for public land survey corners, \$65,000 of the appropriation for land surveys is made available.

The bill also authorizes \$3,110,210 for completion of the construction and equipment of the government railroad between Seward and Fairbanks, Alaska.

## ALCOHOL AS MOTOR FUEL

SE OF ALCOHOL as a motor fuel in Cuba is reported by the Department of Commerce. It is a by-product of sugar making, especially the heavy molasses residue. About two and one-half gallons of molasses are required for producing one gallon of the fuel and the low price to which all products of sugar cane have fallen has increased interest in the possibility of supplying motor fuel from this source. The product is called "motor spirit" and sells for from 27 to 30 cents, as against 45 cents per gallon for gasoline.

## CONFERENCE ON WATER POLLUTION APPROVED BY CONGRESS

**MPORTANT conclusions bearing on the question of** the pollution of navigable waters are expected to be reached by an international conference on the subject under a joint resolution just passed by Congress. Representative T. Frank Appleby, New Jersey, introduced and



both houses have passed a resolution authorizing the President of the United States to call a conference of maritime nations to consider the adoption of effective means to prevent the pollution of navigable streams.

This resolution is a companion measure of other bills introduced by Mr. Appleby and several other Congressmen which are designed to prevent the pollution of inland streams by the dis charge of oil, acid

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or other substances from coal mines, factories and other manufacturing establishments. Action on the measures affecting inland streams has been deferred pending negotiations with Cabinet officers as to the matter of jurisdiction over the proposed law. It is considered highly probable that whatever action may be taken or recommended by the proposed international conference bearing on oil dumped into the sea, should the President approve the resolution and call the conference of other nations, will be taken as a precedent for similar action proposed for inland streams.

## ACTION ON COST DATA CASE

THE FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION, in its efforts to secure approval by the courts of its efforts to secure cost data from the steel and coal industries, has turned its attention to the Maynard Coal Company case, pending before the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia, now that its attempts to secure action in the Claire Furnace case have been held up by adjournment of the Circuit Court of Appeals, before which the commission carried the case after receiving an adverse decision in the lower court.

The specific question of whether the commission is possessed of power to demand production cost data from operators of coal mines was argued June 22 before Judge Bailey in the District Supreme Court, the basis being the demurrer of the commission to the injunction granted the Maynard Coal Company in 1920, enjoining the commission from demanding such information.

Attorneys for the coal company argued that the commission only has the authority to ask for data concerning coal that is placed in interstate commerce after it has been mined. The commission has no authority to concern itself with matters relating to the actual mining of coal, which is an intrastate activity, it was declared.

# OIL SHALE FACTS OF VALUE ARE DEVELOPED BY SWORN TESTIMONY OF AUTHORITIES

The most question of "What is commercial oil shale?" has been brought closer to a definite answer by sworn testimony submitted under conditions virtually those of a court of justice in statements made by experts at a recent hearing of an important case before the registrar of the general land office at Glenwood Springs, Colo. These statements form valuand requires much capital, time and experimentation. C. L. Duer, mineral examiner for the government, testified that he had no personal knowledge of the quantity of oil the deposits in question contain, stating that he ascertained the oil bearing possibilities of a particular piece of shale rock by "the appearance of it, color, specific gravity and weight," with only the erudest sort of

able additions to authoritative knowledge concerning the industry, through the presentation of facts that are to furnish a sound basis upon which development of oil shale deposits may progress when economic conditions offer the opportunity.

Testimony in the case, which is known as "United States, contestant, versus Bailey, Krushnic, et al., contestees, and Ernest Wight, transferee," may be summarized as having brought out in emphasis the following points:

1. When the curve of oil consumption crosses the curve of production, oil from shale will be produced commercially, regardless of the price of oil at that time. This will occur in what is termed ''the very near future.''

2. The government does not possess definite data concerning oil shale fields and their possibilities. This is not due to a lack of ability on the part of the government's experts, but to an apparent lack of facilities to secure worthwhile information. Those who closely ob-



A huge oil shale deposit near Watson, Utah

served the trend of this particular case have declared that the testimony submitted indicates that the government's system of fact-finding is at fault.

3. The minimum requirements for commercial oil shale land is 15 gallons to the ton in a bed not less than one foot in thickness.

4. A thorough examination of the land and extensive experimental work is necessary as a preliminary to commercial oil shale operations.

5. The economic features, aside from richness of the shale itself, are of paramount importance.

6. The oil shale deposits of Colorado are 50 per cent. richer than those of Scotland.

7. Formerly it was thought that only the middle section of the Green River formation contained valuable oil shale; it was developed at the hearings that all three sections are valuable for a vertical distance of 2,370 feet.

8. Thoroughness of the work of private investigators is well illustrated by the testimony of one witness that he had made 6,000 tests on oil shale.

9. The oil shale industry is a large, low grade project

no doubt that the problems connected with the mining and treating of the shale will have been worked out satisfactorily, Roderick D. Burnham, mining engineer, testified. Taking up the economic phases of shale development, Mr. Burnham declared that the necessity of large-scale operation will require employment of a large number of men. He stated that as an approximate figure the total probably will represent five tons to the man. In other words, a property producing 25,000 tons a day will have to operate with 5,000 men. He emphasized the importance of taking into consideration the factors of keeping a constant flow of supplies going in to the men when they are working underground, and the prime importance of provision of ample dumping grounds for spent shale as a means of rounding out a complete mining program.

After stating that the shale deposits in Colorado are "fifty percent better" than those of Scotland, Mr. Burnham continued the comparison and, while admitting that labor costs in this country always will exceed those in Scotland, he expressed the opinion that the American

tests being made "to see whether the shale would burn or whether you could get a test for oil. Testimony of much the same nature was given by O. J. Berry, another mineral land examiner, who declared that he never had made shale analyses and that his actual experience in determining the various grades of shale as to oil content has consisted of "just examining the shale and also comparing it with other shales which which I have been more or less familiar and comparing the specific gravities and the color and other physical appearances.

"In view of that fact, how do you distinguish, Mr. Berry, between those strata which are of commercial value and those which are not?" the witness was asked. He answered, "Well, I thought I had mentioned that in detail, and in my opinion, it depends solely on the thickness of the beds; and my reason for giving this answer is that it is similar to the mining of coal."

When the time comes that a demand will be opened for shale oil, there is absolutely shale eventually will be produced at a lower cost than that existing in the Scottish fields. "Here is the whole idea." he said. "In America, with high-priced labor and high costs of materials, and the driving and force that Americans put into everything, we are constantly trying to do the same thing in half the length of time taken by the other fellow. The consequence will be that when the thing is finally worked out, we will have a process not necessarily identical with the Scottish, though there may be several similar principles, but one which will be very much more rapid."

#### GOVERNMENT BROUGHT SUIT

In this particular case, the government brought suit to cancel certain locations of oil shale land in the Debeque district on the ground that the land was not mineral and not valuable for oil shale, that the locations were not made according to law, and that the annual assessment was not legally performed. The mining law requires that, to make a valid placer location, the lands included in the location must be valuable chiefly for the minerals for which the land is located. It appeared that the transferee had purchased the interests of the contestees prior to the commencement of the suit, and the expert witnesses who were called, aside from those called by the government, were called by the transferee.

A detailed report of the proceedings in this case appears in the most recent issue of the Colorado School of Mines Quarterly, and includes conclusions drawn by Dr. Victor C. Alderson, president of the school.

## NOTES OF OIL SHALE INVESTIGATIONS

Combustion analyses of standard Colorado oil shale have been made by the Bureau of Mines at Boulder, Colo. The method appears to be entirely satisfactory, and work has been started on the elementary analysis of standard Utah shale and oil shale from Scotland. Determinations of nitrogen and sulphur in spent shale and oil sampled from the various rotary retort tests have been made. The sodium peroxide method for determining sulphur in oil shale and shale oils has been adopted for use in the laboratory at Boulder.

Attempts also have been made by the bureau at Boulder, Colo., to improve the quality of oil produced from Colorado shale by varying conditions to which the oil vapors are subjected after they have been produced. In connection with the work in Salt Lake City, L. C. Karrick, associate oil-shale technologist, has apparently shown that a superior quality of oil is obtained when the vapors are condensed very rapidly. This result is altogether unexpected and the work will require careful checking.

Experiments conducted at the Salt Lake City station of the bureau, in the course of the oil-shale investigations, indicate that the stationary and revolving types of small shale retorts give equivalent results in yield and quality of oil when the progress of destructive distillation of the shale particles is identical in both. This work requires elaboration as in the Boulder, Colo., laboratory the assay retort has always produced oil superior in quality to that made by the larger rotary.

## BRITAIN'S PLACE IN EXPORT COAL TRADE HANGS IN BALANCE

**F** ORECASTS of the future of the British coal industry by the staff representing the Department of Commerce in Great Britain indicate that much will depend upon whether the curve of output per man will definitely and persistently reverse the downward tendency of the past 40 years. At the present time this curve is turning upward.

"Allowing for the fact that the miner underground now working only 7 hours instead of 8 and not working a full week, the efficiency is about the same as in 1913," says the staff report submitted to Secy. Hoover.

"The factors which limit the demand for British coal are the German reparations coal, the decreasing consumption due to stagnation, American competition, substitution of other sources of power, schemes for economizing coal, and the use of central heating instead of the domestic open grate.

"In general it is probable that the demand for coal will probably increase with cost of production and will continue higher than before the war."

During the past four years there has been an almost unbroken decrease in the number of tons of coal mined per man per annum in British mines. Starting with the decade from 1882 to 1892 the output was an average of 297 tons, but it sank steadily until in 1920, it was only 184 tons. In spite of this, however, the total output of the United Kingdom steadily rose by employing more men in the coal mines until in 1913 it reached its apex with a production of 287,500,000 tons. From this point, the total output has almost steadily declined until in 1921 it was only 163,000,000 tons.

Added to these factors, is this:

Although the total output of the United Kingdom was increasing it was not holding its relative position as a producer of the world's coal, as the percentage of the world's coal furnished by the United Kingdom in 1899 was 30.4 percent, but gradually dwindled to 21.7 percent in 1913.

#### SECRETARY FALL DEFENDS OIL POLICY IN REPORT TO SENATE

**C** RITICISM of the Interior Department's policy in administration of the naval oil reserves and leases has diminished almost to the vanishing point following the report on the subject sent to the Senate by Secretary Fall, in which is included data from the General Land Office, Geological Survey, Bureau of Mines and Navy Department to defend action taken in awarding rights to offset wells and leases on the reserves, most notably in the Teapot Dome in Wyoming.

Since the main issue in the controversy, aired on the floor of the Senate through several days, hinged upon the question of underground drainage of the reserves by wells drilled on adjacent property, Secretary Fall devotes much space in his report to the quoting of authorities to uphold the department's theory that drainage of the government's oil reserves could only be eliminated by the action taken by the department.

Secretary Fall quotes Mark L. Requa, who was in charge of the Oil Division of the Fuel Administration, to the effect that the government must devise some system of production to secure adequate storage, referring to the possibility of drainage and depletion. Reference also is made to statements by the late Secretary of Interior Lane who declared that the California reserves would be valueless in 15 or 20 years by reason of drilling on adjacent lands.

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# Woofing and Warping VIII. Representative Frank W. Mondell A Series of Scrutinies Directed Toward Notable Legislative Personalities By IRA L. SMITH



Frank W. Mondell

A H, me! Woe is me that I am!

Alack-a-day, Alas!

But still my fate might be worse. I might be a worry-laden majority leader in the House of Representatives. Than which there are few huskier tasks, what with a myriad republicans piled many deep in that legislative hall as a result of the tidal wave that carried them up to Capitol Hill and left them there when it receded.

Frank Mondell is of an unusual sort to be leading a numberless throng of legislators through the cantankerous complexities of a reconstruction session of Congress, when many of the members are prone to take advantage of the situation and make attempts to hoist themselves over the traces.

Mr. Mondell, who has been representing Wyoming in the House ever since the days when Heck was in knee pants, has little of the spectacular that you would expect to stick out all over such a notable. So far as this stuff they call dynamic force is concerned, he hasn't a great deal more of it than the average of us natives. And it seems funny that this rather lowgeared fellow should be holding down the berth that was occupied in other times by some of the greatest legislative flashes that ever O'Sullivaned themselves into the House.

The main reason that he isn't a solon of the skyrocket sort is found in his ability to adapt himself to his surrounding in a way that would make a chameleon turn green with envy. Hook this up with his inclination to sit and look matters in the face and

reason them out before he acts, rather than hop at them prematurely, and you can see why he doesn't gyrate in the public mind as much as some of his fellows.

He got his first good healthy crack at prominence many moons ago when a flock of women folks got curious as to what kind of interior decorating was inside of voting booths. It was then that he vaulted into the well-known limelight by piloting through the House the amendment that made our polling places co-educational affairs.

He is well-flavored with affability, and works as earnestly as a window cleaner after a rain storm. His speech on the floor is quite distinctive in that it is bulged with split-hair distinctions which go along arm in arm with redundant generalities or something of the sort, if you know what I mean.

It is interesting to take a slant at the deftness he uses in sailing along under a policy that drags to him a lot of support that would otherwise consider him a total stranger. His "is and yet ain't" stuff unlocks the dope on how he gets along with so many factors. Not that he wiggles or shifts, but he drives his nails where it is best that they should go.

Folks do be twittering that he always is looking out for Frank Mondell. But that's not as much of an indictment as it might seem, because the bloke that holds out an eye for himself to the best advantage knows it ill affords him to do anything that catches other folks in the neck because that stuff is likely to boomerang back at him.

Well, as I says before, Ah me, woe is me that I am! But my worries and troubles are as vapory as one of A. Conan Doyle's ectoplasms when compared with the brow-wrinklers that make Mr. Mondell's business-like way of tackling things work till its tongue hangs down to its shoe-laces from fatigue.

# COMBINE OF U.S. OIL CAPITAL IN FOREIGN FIELDS WAITS UPON CLEARING OF EUROPE'S AFFAIRS

THE PROPOSED combination of domestic oil companies in efforts to further the progress of American capital in foreign oil fields, which stood in the limelight early in 1921, has not been discarded, but merely is awaiting a propitious time to resume the interesting position it held many months ago, according to authoritative opinion expressed in Washington.

## EXPECTED FAVORABLE CONDITIONS

Plans whereby the larger American companies were to join in efforts of this type were laid when it was not supposed that Europe's internal problems would defy solution for so long a period, those behind the move feeling that by the time it was fairly well instituted these problems would have cleared sufficiently to allow progress to be made. Europe's affairs and political situations became increasingly complex, however, and it soon became evident that no practical plans could be put into effect until a solid basis was laid so far as the foreign governments and their administration and policies were concerned. This explains the silence which has surrounded the proposed combination during recent months.

Indications that the plan has not been discarded are seen, however, in its mention by close observers in connection with recent reports that the European nations with which the United States is involved in question relating to development of foreign fields now are adopting policies favorable to exploitation of those fields by American capital. It is highly reasonable to expect that the plan will be resurrected when sufficient progress has been made in solution of Europe's internal issues to warrant that action, according to semi-official views expressed in Washington.

## LARGELY IN NEAR EAST

Since such a combination of efforts would be exercised largely in the oil fields of the Near East, the greatest interest is being attached to the evident progress made by the United States government in reaching an agreement with Great Britain concerning mandates involving development of these fields. It is the view of officials in Washington that these matters have been allowed to rest this long without becoming subjects of action because of the vast amount of problems confronting Britain during the post-war period, rather than as the result of any indifference to act.

Indications that the British government is directing its attention especially toward the Mesopotamian situation is found in a discussion which recently centered around the subject on the floor of the House of Commons. The Minister for the Colonies was asked point-blank whether any oil fields had yet been discovered in the mandated territory of Mesopotamia; whether exploitation is in progress; what private company or companies are carrying out this work, and with what results, if any. Questions also were asked as to what steps had been taken to see that in granting of licenses to explore for oil, no special preference was given to favored companies or individuals.

Official reports of the answers given to these ques-808 tions indicate that there is some difference of opinion, or at least doubt, among British officials concerning the value of the oil fields included in the mandated territory. The answer given the House for Mr. Churchill is reported in the following language:

"There are signs of oil in various parts of Iraq, but how far the deposits are worth working or not is not yet known. No exploration work or drilling is being carried out in any part of Iraq, except in the narrow strip of territory transferred from Persia to Turkey under the Turco-Persian Frontier Protocol of November 17, 1913, which is covered by the concession granted to Mr. D'Arcy by the Persian government and which the Turkish government agreed to recognize in the Protocol referred to. The Iraq government is the inheritor of the rights of the Turkish government and will receive a royalty of 16 percent of the net profits on any oil which may be obtained in that territory. The form of government which has been set up in Iraq affords ample guartee of the rights of the natives of the country in the matter of concessions as in other respects, while the rights of other nations are safeguarded by Article 11 of the draft mandate. There is no reason to fear that special preference will be shown to any particular company or individuals."

## OTHER INTERESTING QUESTIONS

Two other questions asked by members of the House are of interest in studying the situation. They follow:

"How does it come about that the Prime Minister in this House two years ago stated that there were considerable oil deposits in Iraq, and held that out as a reason for the vast expenditure?"

"In the event of this oil being exploited by us, has consideration been given to the extent of the standing army which will be necessary, or what the cost will be ?"

No direct answers were given to either question.

## **CHEAPER PHOSPHOR COPPER**

HEAPER production of producing phosphor copper may be evolved by studies soon to be undertaken by the Bureau of Mines through its Ithaca, N. Y., field office, which maintains general contact with the metallurgy of non-ferrous alloys and copper alloys. In particular, investigation will be made of the preparation of phosphor copper by smelting direct from phosphor rock. It is believed that this study also should throw light on the theory of reduction of phosphatic ores.

The Bureau also plans a study of preparation of such alloys as that of 50 percent copper and 50 percent lead, it being quite possible, in the opinion of experts, that present methods might be improved, and many requests having been made asking that such information be developed.



# CLEVELAND DISPLAY OF MINING EQUIPMENT TO BE EXCEPTIONALLY COMPREHENSIVE

THE NATIONAL EXPOSITION OF MINES and Mine Equipment of the American Mining Congress to be held at the Public Hall in Cleveland, Ohio, October 9-14, 1922, in conjunction with the Twenty-tifth Annual Convention of the American Mining Congress, bids fair to be the largest and most comprehensive display of mine equipment and mine supplies which has ever been staged.

#### HIGH INTEREST EVIDENCED

The best evidence of this statement is that on June 15, practically four months prior to the opening of the Cleveland meeting, approximately one hundred representative manufacturing concerns have already contracted for space on the exposition floors at Cleveland and are planning interesting and attractive displays of different types of mine equipment and supplies.

As a matter of fact the value of these expositions both from the standpoint of the mine operator and from the viewpoint of the manufacturer is steadily being recognized among an increasing group of firms. In fact, it is believed that these expositions, if they are continued as successfully in the future as in the past, will become a permanent annual event, furnishing the operating officials in charge of mining enterprises the opportunity of studying and comparing the latest types of equipment and machinery in order to base their plans for the purchase of equipment.

The value of these expositions from the standpoint of the mine executives or mine operators is indicated by the following paragraph recently received from a prominent mine executive who has charge of some of the largest metal mining developments in this country:

#### MUCH DEPENDS UPON MACHINERY

"The continued maintenance of the development of the mining industry in the United States is largely dependent upon the further utilization of labor saving equipment and machinery. The successful mine operator and mine manager is therefore studying with the greatest care every type of equipment which indicates the possibility of reducing operating cost, and I believe that these annual expositions of the American Mining Congress offer a very fine opportunity for mine operators to compare the latest types of such equipment and machinery. In other words, these expositions furnish the essential facts upon which intelligent buying of equipment can be made. The value of these expositions to the mine operator is perhaps the best indication of their value to the manufacturer."

To the manufacturer of mine equipment and mine machinery, these expositions are of course of even greater interest and value. The expositions are based on the idea of cooperation between the American Mining Congress the national chamber of mines and mining—and the mine operators who constitute its membership with the manufacturers who have played and will play such an important part in the further development of the mining industry.

To the manufacturer, therefore, who is interested in the marketing possibilities in the mining industry for his production, the National Exposition of Mines and Mine Equipment furnishes an opportunity not only of making an effective display of his equipment and machinery but of securing the personal contact with hundreds of mining men who are the practical users of mine equipment and therefore the potential purchasers of such production and also of securing national advertising at a relatively low cost, for, as a matter of fact, practically every important mining state is represented at the convention and the exposition.

#### ATTITUDE IS INDICATED

The attitude of the manufacturers of mine equipment and supplies in regard to these expositions is best indicated by a few statements which have been sent in from time to time, expressing the opinion of different manufacturers in regard to these expositions.

One official of a large company handling explosives writes: "The writer has found from attending a number of these conventions in the past that officers and officials of mining and oil companies do attend these conventions in large numbers. They visit the booths at the exposition and they are willing and glad to listen to what the manufacturer has to say in regard to his product. Their problems can be and are solved just as much by what they hear in the manufacturers' booths as from the discussion in the convention hall."

Another manufacturer primarily interested in equipment for metal mining production writes as follows: "The participation of this company in the last exposition of mines and mine equipment of the American Mining Congress was so profitable that we were glad to join any movement that would insure the continuance of these annual expositions on a sound business basis.

"By constant and concerted effort the Manufacturers"

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Division of the American Mining Congress should be able to make the character of these annual expositions and conventions of such value to the industry that no individual or organization in any way connected with mining can afford not to be represented.'

In view of these facts and because of the whole-hearted cooperation which the representative Cleveland committees are giving to the carrying out of the plan for this Twenty-fifth Annual Convention and Exposition in such a way as to make it the largest and most representative gathering of mining men which has ever been held, it is confidently anticipated that this meeting in Cleveland will be an unusually significant and notable industrial event.

While it is impossible to state definitely at the present

PRELIMINARY LIST OF EXHIBITORS

HE FOLLOWING manufacturers of mining equipment already have placed themselves upon the list of exhibitors whose products will be displayed at the National Exposition of Mines and Mining Equipment, to be held at Cleveland, October 9-14, in conjunction with the annual convention of the American Mining Congress:

Aldrich Pump Co., Pittsburgh, Pa. Allis-Chalmers Mfg. Co., Milwaukee. Wis.

American Blower Co., Detroit, Mich.

American Brake Shoe and Fdry. Co., New York City.

American Mine Door Co., Canton, Ohio.

American Steel and Wire Co., Chicago, Ill.

Atlas Car and Mfg. Co., Cleveland, Ohio.

Austin Machinery Corpn., Chicago, T11

Automatic Reclosing Circuit Breaker Co., Columbus, Ohio.

C. O. Bartlett and Sons Co., Cleveland, Ohio.

California Cap Co., San Francisco, Cal.

James H. Channon Mfg. Co., Chicago, Ill.

Chicago Pneumatic Tool Co., New York City.

Cleveland Rock Drill Company, Cleveland, Ohio.

Clinton Refrigerating Co., Clinton, Iowa.

Coal Age, New York City.

Conneaut Shovel Co., Conneaut, Ohio.

E. I. duPont de Nemours & Co., Wilmington, Del.

Duro Metal Products Co., Chicago, T11

Easton Car & Construction Co., New York City.

Edison Storage Battery Co. Orange, N. J.

Electric Rwy. Improvement Co., Cleveland, Ohio,

Electric Storage Battery Co., Philadelphia, Pa.

Fairmont Mining Machinery Co., Fairmont, W. Va.

Federal Electric Co., Chicago, Ill. Fleming, J. R., & Sons, Inc., Scran-

General Electric Co., Schenectady, N. Y.

General Motors Truck Co., Pontiac, Mich.

Goodman Mfg. Co., Chicago, Ill.

Hercules Powder Co., Wilmington, Del

Hockensmith Wheel & Mine Car Co., Penn, Pa.

Robt. Holmes and Bros., Danville, III.

Hudson Coal Co., Scranton, Pa.

Hyatt Roller Bearing Co., New York City.

Ironton Engine Co., Ironton, Ohio, Jacobsen and Schraeder, Inc., Chicago, Ill.

Kenova Mine Car Co., Kenova, W. Va.

Keystone Consolidated Publishing Co., Pittsburgh, Pa.

Keystone Lubricating Co., Philadelphia, Pa.

Koehring Company, Milwaukee, Wis.

A. Leschen and Sons Rope Co., St. Louis, Mo.

Lincoln Steel and Forge Co., St. Louis, Mo.

Lorain Steel Co., Johnstown, Pa. Ludlow-Saylor Wire Co., St. Louis, Mo.

Lunkenheimer Co., Cincinnati, Ohio.

Mancha Storage Battery Locomotive Co., St. Louis, Mo.

Manierre Engr. and Machy. Co., Milwaukee, Wis.

Merrick Scale Mfg. Co., Passale, N. J.

Mine Safety Appliances Co., Pittsburgh, Pa.

Mining Safety Device Co., Bower-

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time the final arrangements in regard to public exhibits,

still it is evidently known that the United States Govern-

ment will participate through the Bureau of Mines, that the Republic of Mexico is planning to be represented

with a larger and more noticeable display of mineral resources than that in Chicago, that the Territory of

Alaska is arranging to stage an interesting and repre-

sentative central exhibit at Cleveland and that there will

be a number of particularly interesting exhibits from several of the important western mining states.

Cleveland will have the opportunity of seeing and study-

ing those types of equipment and supplies and machin-

ery which are a vital factor in the further development

of his production and in the securing of greater saving,

lower cost and larger production.

Every operating official or mine owner who visits

ston, Ohio. Morgan-Gardner Elec. Co., Chi-

cago, Ill.

Morse Chain Co., Ithaca, N. Y.

Myers-Whaley Co., Knoxville, Tenn. Ohio Brass Co., Mansfield, Ohio. Oster Mfg. Co., Cleveland, Ohio.

Penton Publishing Co., Cleveland, Ohio.

Philadelphia Storage Battery Co., Philadelphia, Pa.

Pittsburgh Machine Tool Co., Braddock, Pa.

Post Glover Elec. Co., Cincinnati, Ohio.

Reading Steel Casting Co., Bridgeport, Conn.

Roberts & Schaefer, Chicago, Ill. Rock Products, Chicago, Ill.

John A. Roebling's Sons Co., Trenton, N. J.

Rome Wire Co., Rome, N. Y.

Safety Equipment Service Co., Cleveland, Ohio,

Siegmund Kahn, New York City.

- Simplex Wire and Cable Co., Chicago, Ill.
- Southern Wheel Co., St. Louis, Mo. Stearns Conveyor Co., Cleveland, Ohio.

Streeter-Amet Weighing & Recording Co., Chicago, Ill.

St. Louis Structural Steel Co., St. Louis, Mo.

S F K Industries, New York City. Templeton, Kenly & Co., Ltd., Chicago, Ill.

Timken Roller Bearing Co., Canton, Ohio.

W. S. Tyler Co., Cleveland, Ohio.

United Filters Corpn., Hazleton, Pa.

Watt Mining Car Wheel Co., Barnesville, Ohio.

Wellman-Seaver-Morgan Co., Cleveand, Ohio.

Westinghouse Elec. & Mfg. Co., Pittsburgh, Pa.

Geo. D. Whitcomb Co., Rochelle, Ill. Wood Shovel and Tool Co., Piqua, Ohio.

ton. Pa. Flexible Steel Lacing Co., Chicago, Ill.

## SUPREME COURT DECISION IN CORONADO CASE SETS IMPORTANT PRECEDENT

N O RECENT decision by the Supreme Court has found more general discussion trailing in its wake than is following the opinion handed down in the Coronado Coal Company case, brought against the United Mine Workers of America, in which the court held that labor unions are suable.

Coming when it did, it was advanced as a major factor in the threatened rail strike, being placed in the light of preventing the rail men from quitting their jobs under organization because of the fact that they might thus be laying their unions open to susceptibility of suits being brought against them because of damage caused the railroads should a strike eventually occur.

#### ATTACKED BY UNIONS

The convention of the American Federation of Labor at Cincinnati, which opened its session shortly after the decision was handed down, made itself the center of a fire of criticism because of the attitude which it took concerning the high tribunal's decision. Widespread comment has arisen upholding the theory that any organization which gains privilege through the massing of members should be held responsible for its actions as a joint agency. It is in upholding this theory that exception generally has been taken to the heated and hasty declarations made at the Cincinnati convention.

The suit was filed by the coal company in September, 1914, following destruction of its property alleged to have occurred as a result of activities of the mine union. The Court of Appeals of the Eighth District had awarded the coal company \$745,000 damages. The miners union resisted the suit on the ground that unincorporated associations are not subject to suit. In setting aside this contention the Supreme Court holds that the United Mine Workers is not a national but an international union, intended to be a union of all workmen employed in and around coal mines, washers, and coke ovens, the purpose being to increase wages, and improve conditions of employment by legislation, conciliation, joint agreements and strikes. "No organized corporation has greater unity of action, and in none is more power centered in the governing executive bodies," the opinion of the court declared.

#### PROTECTION MUST BE FURNISHED

After pointing out protection which the union has received from the hands of the law through the nature of its organization, the court declared that ''It would be unfortunate if an organization with as great powers as this international union has in the raising of large funds and in directing the conduct of 400,000 members in carrying on, in a wide territory, industrial controversies out of which so much unlawful injury to private rights is possible, could assemble its assets to be used therein free from liability for injuries by courts committed in course of such strikes. To remand persons injured to a suit against each of the 400,000 members to recover damages and to levy on his share of the strike fund, would be to leave them remediless.'

Citing a mass of supporting legal and legislative precedents, the court declared that "In this state of Federal legislation we think that such organizations are suable in the Federal courts for the acts, and that funds accumulated to be expended in conducting strikes are subject to execution in suits for torts committed by such unions

in strikes." It also was held that labor unions are suable under sections 7 and 8 of the Anti-Trust Act.

In the specific case of the Arkansas strike involved in the action brought by the Coronado Company, the court held that it was a local disturbance unauthorized by the international union. Reviewing the issues in the strike the court declared that strike funds may be subject to payment of any damage which is recovered. It held, however, that the strike was not for the purpose of restraining or monopolizing commerce, holding that the obstruction to coal mines is not a direct obstruction to interstate commerce in coal although it, of course, may affect it by reducing the amount of coal to be carried in that commerce. It is interesting to note that the opinion stated that "Coal mining is not interstate commerce, and the power of Congress does not extend to its regulation as such."

#### OBJECT OF UNION EFFORTS

The court admitted that union leaders desire to press unionization of non-union mines not only as a direct means of bettering the conditions and wages of the workmen, but also as a means of lessening interstate competition for union operators which would lessen the pressure of those operators for reduction of the union scale, or their resistance to an increase. The opinion held, however, that the latter "Is a secondary or ancillary motive whose actuating course in a given case is the pendant on the particular circumstances to which it is thought to make it applicable." It says that if unlawful means had in this case been used by the national body to unionize mines whose product was important, actually or potentially, in affecting prices in interstate commerce, the evidence would clearly tend to show that that body was guilty of an actionable conspiracy under the Anti-Trust Act.

#### **FLUORSPAR IN 1921**

RLUORSPAR shipped from mines in the United States in 1921, according to Hubert W. Davis, of the United States Geological Survey, Department of the Interior, amounted to approximately 35,600 short tons, valued at \$708,000, a decrease of 81 percent in quantity and of 85 percent in value as compared with 1920.

The general average selling price per ton f. o. b. cars at shipping points for all grades of fluorspar in 1921 is estimated at \$19.89, which is \$5.37 less than the average price in 1920.

Total shipments in 1921 were the lowest recorded for any year since 1908. The shipments from Kentucky exceeded those of Illinois for the first time since 1904.

Reports from steel manufacturers, who produce about two-thirds of the basic open-hearth steel made in the United States, show that they consumed 46,341 short tons of fluorspar in 1921, as compared with 80,545 tons in 1920. This group of steel manufacturers also reported stocks of fluorspar on hand January 1, 1922, amounting to about 19,800 short tons, as compared with 45,125 tons on January 1, 1921. These reports, therefore, show that these steel plants consumed only 1,216 tons of fluorspar more than they had in stock at the beginning of 1921.



I MPORTANT LEGISLATION is holding Congress in session through the heat of summer despite the fact that the majority of the members would like to take a rest from the burdensome grind of Congressional activity which has marked the session since it convened last December.

Fairly reasonable progress is being made by the Senate in going over the various schedules in the revised tariff bill and there are good prospects that this measure will be enacted into law within the next few months. The burden of Congressional action is now on the Senate as the House has practically passed all of the important legislation, the last bill to be considered being the measure to grant a subsidy to American ship owners and operators in order to develop the merchant marine and relieve the government of loss occasioned by operation of vessels under the Shipping Board. President Harding has passed out word that the ship subsidy bill must be passed this session or he will call an extra session.

The Soldier Bonus bill involving an outlay of almost \$4,000,000,000 is also a bone of contention, it now being before the Senate for action, having been reported by its Finance Committee. No provision is made for extra taxes to meet the bonus, its advocates claiming that no additional taxes will be necessary for at least three years as the bonus obligations may be met by reduction of government expenses and receipts from foreign loans.

In consideration of the tariff bill, the mining interests of the country were successful in placing cyanide on the free list and in imposing a duty on manganese. The Finance Committee had recommended a duty on cyanide and the free admission of manganese but Western Senators convinced the Senate that it was essential for the mining industry that cyanide be admitted free as otherwise it would be a further burden with an added cost of operation, while a duty on manganese was necessary in order to protect American producers from foreign competition.

The Senate adopted a duty of twentyfive cents per pound on quicksilver, although a duty of thirty-five cents was urged by Senators Johnson and Shortridge of California. Duties of 10 percent ad valorem were placed on amorphous graphite; 20 percent on crystalline and two cents per pound on flake. Senator Nicholson, Colorado, will seek higher duties when the bill reaches its final stage in the Senate. Amendments by Senator Poindexter, Washington, were adopted, increasing the duty on crude magnesite from \$6.25 to \$10 per ton. Practically all of the duties in the chemical and metal schedules, except those on the proposed dye embargo, potash, lead, zinc and barytes were adopted by the Senate. The Senate Finance Committee has decided to recomment in lieu of five year duties on rotash, a bounty to American producers equal to the tariff.

A threat of government operation of mines to meet current coal needs was made during a debate on the coal situat'on in the Senate. The Senators are impatient over the continuance of the strike and declared that unless it is settled in thirty days, the government should take over such mines as might be necessary to meet current needs. It was also urged that the coal operators be investigated by the Senate as to prices, it being charged that the program of Secretary Hoover to limit prices had been taken advantage of by unduly increasing prices. The proposed investigation was withheld pending the outcome of Secretary Hoover's price fixing policy.

## SEEKS ACTION ON COAL BILL

Representative Bland, of Indiana, is seeking action by the House on his bill to appoint a commission to conduct an investigation of the coal industry, which bill would also deny the channels of interstate commerce to companies refusing to furnish such commission with detailed information as to mining costs. He introduced a resolution calling for a special rule giving the right of way for consideration of this bill in the House. Up to date, however, the House Committee on Rules has not acted on the matter.

Disposition of the Muscle Shoals Nitrate plant is now before the House for action, its Committee on Military Affairs having concluded consideration of various lease offers. The committee was widely divided but the majority recommended acceptance of the offer of Henry Ford of Detroit, Michigan, for lease of all of the plant except the Gorgas steam plant. Minority reports recommended acceptance of the Ford offer in entirety and also recognition of the right of the Alabama Power Company to the Gorgas steam plant.

Numerous bills were introduced proposing a Constitutional amendment to prohibit child labor in industry, following the decision of the Supreme Court nullifying child labor taxation. Hearings were held on the subject by the Judiciary Committee but no conclusion reached.

Legislation to abolish the present gold standard and substitute a flexible dollar based on commodity prices was introduced by Representative Goldsborough, Maryland. It proposes that after January 8, 1924, the dollar shall be based on its purchasing power as expressed in commodity prices. He proposes that this value shall be based on prices of not less than 75 or more than 125 commodities, taken in January, March, May, July, September and November by the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Opposition continued before the House Committee on Judiciary to the bill of Representative Bacharach, New Jersey, which would deprive federal courts of jurisdiction over appeals from orders of any administrative board in any State.

Another bill to establish a decimal system of weights and measures was introduced by Representative Colton of Utah.

The Senate laid aside the tariff bill long enough to pass appropriation bills for the Army and Navy for the year beginning July 1. In committee consideration of the Army bill appropriations were urged for road improvements in Alaska in behalf of the mining industry.

## IMPORTANT BILLS REVIEWED IN THIS ISSUE

MINING-	WEIGHTS AND MEASURES-
S. 3684: By Mr. Nicholson. (Placer entries) H. R. 11928: By Mr. Newton, Minn. (Placer en-	H. R. 11829: By Mr. Vestal. (Government con- trol)
tries) H. R. 11871: By Mr. Taylor, Colo. (Mineral de-	H. R. 11723: By Mr. Colton. (Decimal system) ALASKA-
posits) H. R. 11887: By Mr. Colton. (Gilsonite lands) H. R. 11889:	H. R. 11905: By Mr. Sutherland. (Supreme Court)
	MUSCLE SHOALS—
OIL— H. J. Res. 297: By Mr. Appleby. (Pollution confer-	H. R. 11903: By Mr. McKenzie. (Lease offers, reported to the House)
ence, passed by House and Senate. H. R. 11363: By Mr. Mondell. (Royalties to	H. R. 11803: By Mr. Morin. (Federal Chemical Corporation)
states) GOLD— H. R. 11788: By Mr. Goldsborough. (Goods dollar)	H. R. 11886: By Mr. Wright. (Lease offers) H. R. 11904: By Mr. Almon.
TAXATION-	TRANSPORTATION-
H.J. Res. 341: By Mr. Layton. (Income tax)	S. 3217: By Mr. Jones, Washington. (Ship subsidy)
H. R. 11789: By Mr. Raker. (State lands) LABOR	H. R. 10644: By Mr. Greene, Massachusetts. (Ship subsidy; reported to the House)
H. R. 11956: By Mr. Hull. (Mechanics' wages) H. R. 11707: By Mr. Huddleston. (Child labor)	H. R. 11674: By Mr. Winslow. (Cape Cod Canal; reported to the House)
H. J. Res. 332: By Mr. Perlman. (Child labor)	EXPOSITION-
H. J. Res. 234: By Mr. Nolan. (Child labor) H. J. Res. 340: By Mr. Tague. (Child labor)	H. J. Res. 170: By Mr. Bland, Indiana. (Independ- ence celebration)

Representative Layton, Delaware, introduced a resolution proposing a Constitutional amendment prohibiting taxes on income or other direct taxes except to defray expenses of war.

#### OIL PRICE INVESTIGATION

A subcommittee of the Senate Committee on Manufactures is investigating the relation of crude oil and gasoline prices to determine, if possible, why gasoline prices should have recently increased, notwithstanding crude oil prices have declined

President Harding, in a special message to Congress, transmitting a detailed explanation of the policies of the Interior and Navy Departments concerning the leases of Naval petroleum reserves, declared that the action of these departments in this matter has been with his entire approval as he was aware in advance of the action taken. Secretary of the Interior Fall in an extensive report on the Naval reserves substantiates his claim that the leases in the Wyoming field were necessary to prevent drainage by outside wells on reports of the Bureau of Mines to the effect that the area is subject to such drainage. He points out that although large areas of petroleum lands have been withdrawn by the government, Congress has not given direct approval to such withdrawals.

The appropriation bill for the Department of Justice for the year beginning July 1, passed by Congress and approved

by the President, stipulates that no part of the \$225,000 allotted for enforcement of anti-trust laws shall be used in the prosecution of any organization or individual for entering into any combination having in view the increasing of wages, shortening of hours, bettering conditions of labor or for any action done in furtherance thereof not in itself illegal.

Some uncertainty exists as to the effect of this provision in view of the recent decision of the Supreme Court in the Coronado Coal Company case in which it was held that labor organizations are suable under sections 7 and 8 of the Anti-Trust act.

## OIL POLLUTION BILL

The House and Senate passed a resolution of Representative Appleby, New Jersey, requesting the President to call a conference of maritime nations with a view of adopting means to prevent pollution of navigable waters by oil burning and oil carrying vessels.

Disposition of gilsonite, asphaltum, elaterite or other like mineral substances in the former Uncompangre Indian reservation in Utah, under the mining laws is provided in bills introduced by Representative Colton of Utah.

Because of the pressure of tariff and other legislation, the Senate Committee on Interstate Commerce has deferred until next session consideration of the Blue Sky bill recently passed by the House.

Further hearings on proposed revision

of the mining laws were held by the House Committee on Mines and Mining, but no action has been taken by the committee on the bill. The committee heard H. V. Winchell and B. G. Moulton, who endorsed generally the proposed revision.

To protect mining claimants who were dispossessed by the recent Supreme Court decision in the Red River case, Senator Nicholson, Colorado, and Representative Newton, Minnesota, introduced bills authorizing the lease of such claims in Tillman and Cotton Counties, Okla., which were initiated under placer mining laws prior to February, 1920.

The House passed a resolution approving an exposition of mines and other products to be held in Philadelphia in 1926, in celebration of the 150th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence.

During the month the President approved the law passed by Congress granting appropriations for the Interior Department during the year beginning July 1. This law gives the Bureau of Mines \$1,580,900 and the Geological Survey \$1,450,940, which will permit of continuance of activities covering all phases of the mining industry.

Protection to homesteaders and desertland entrymen whose lands subsequently show evidences of mineral deposits, is proposed in a bill by Representative Taylor, Colorado. The bill would authorize mineral applicants to secure written consent or waiver of entrymen to mine on

the land under the form of a lease, paying for damages to crops or improvements which may result therefrom.

The Federal Trade Commission transmitted to Congress a report on investments and profits of bituminous coal operators for the past six years, showing an average profit of 15 percent. The Commission reports, however, that the coal companies overvalue their investments by including extensive coal deposits which would last 108 years. The Commission reduced the valuation of 1,126 companies from \$768,000,000 to \$521,250,000, showing an investment of \$3.12 per ton. The Commission's reduction was 23 percent from investments as shown by the companies.

## MINING

## (Placer Entries)

S. 3684. Introduced by Mr. Nicholson; referred to the Committee on Public Lands. This bill authorizes the Secretary of the Interior to lease to certain persons and corporations, lands in Tillman and Cotton Counties, Oklahoma, belonging to the United States, which were claimed in good faith prior to February 25, 1920, under placer mining laws, but which were invalidated by a recent decision of the Supreme Court to the effect that such lands are not subject to entry under such laws. These lands lie south of the main channel of the Red River and were located under mining laws under the assumption that they were valid. Under this bill, persons making such entries would be entitled to leases to extract oil and gas for a period of twenty years with the right of renewing for successive periods of ten years upon conditions prescribed by the Interior Department. The bill fixes a royalty to the government on oil and gas produced under the leases at 5 percent and restricts the leases to one person or corporation to not more than 2,560 acres. Application for the lease would be necessary to the Interior Department within sixty days from approval of the bill. The bill also provides that after the leases are made the proceeds of oil and gas now held by the receiver of the Supreme Court in the Red River case shall be divided so as to cover the costs of producing oil and gas and the receivers' fee, the government royalties and the balance to the lessee. It is also proposed that 20 percent of the royalties under the leases shall be paid to the State of Oklahoma.

H. R. 11928. Introduced by Mr. Newton, Minn.; referred to the Committee on Public Lands. This is similar to the foregoing.

#### (Mineral Deposits)

H. R. 11871. Introduced by Mr. Taylor, of Colo.; referred to the Committee on Public Lands. This bill seeks to protect homestead and desert-land entrymen of public lands, where, subsequent to entry, mineral deposits are embraced in permits or leases, or are otherwise disposed of. It provides as follows:

"That from and after the passage of this act, whenever public land not classified as or known to be valuable for mineral, or the surface thereof, is entered under any of the homestead laws or the desert-land law, the mineral deposit or deposits of the tract shall not be thereafter embraced in any permit, lease, or entry unless and until the applicant for such permit, lease, or entry shall have complied with one of the following conditions:

"(a) If there is no mortgage or deed of trust to a Federal land bank-first, by securing the written consent or waiver of the entryman or patentee; second, by payment to the entryman or patentee of the damages for injury to crops, to tangible improvements and to the land as a farming or grazing unit, if agreement can be reached as to the amount of such damages; or, third, by the execution of a good and sufficient bond or undertaking to the United States for the use and benefit of the entryman or patentee to secure payment of such damages; (b) or if there is a mortgage or deed of trust to a Federal land bank-first, by securing the written consent or waiver of the entryman or patentee and of the bank: second, if agreement can be reached as to the amount of the damages for injury to crops, to tangible improvements and to the land as a farming or grazing unit, by the payment to the bank of the amount of such damages and the claim of the bank shall be reduced by an amount equal to such payment; and if the amount of such damages is in excess of the sum necessary to extinguish the mortgage or deed of trust by the payment of such excess to the patentee or entryman; or, third, by the execution of a good and sufficient bond or undertaking to the United States for the use and benefit of said Federal land bank and of the patentee or entryman to secure the payment of such damages. Such damages may be determined and fixed in an action brought upon the bond or undertaking in a court of competent jurisdiction against the principal and sureties thereon, such bond or undertaking to be in form and in accordance with rules and regulations to be prescribed by the Secretary of the Interior."

#### (Gilsonite Lands)

H. R. 11887 and H. R. 11889. Introduced by Mr. Colton; referred to the Committee on Public Lands. These bills provide for the location, entry and patenting of lands in the former Uncompangre Indian Reservation, Utah, containing gilsonite, asphaltum, elaterite, or other like substances. The first bill provides that these lands shall be immediately opened to settlement, location, occupation, and entry under all land laws of the United States according to the character of the lands or of mineral deposits. The second bill provides that these lands shall be sold and disposed of in tracts not exceeding 40 acres or one-quarter of one-quarter of a section upon terms and restrictions as may be prescribed by Presidential proclamation issued not less than 120 days after the passage of the act and not less than 90 days before the time of sale or disposal.

#### (Exposition)

H. J. Res. 170. Passed by the House. This resolution gives government approval to the national and international exhibition to be held in Philadelphia in 1926, in celebration of the 150th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence. It will exhibit the progress of the United States in art, science, industry, commerce and in development of the products of mines, etc.

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#### (Pollution Conference)

H. J. Res. 297. Introduced by Mr. Appleby. Passed by the House and Senate. This resolution requests the President to call a conference of maritime nations with a view to the adoption of effective means for the prevention of pollution of navigable waters by oil-burning and oil-carrying steamers by the dumping into such waters of fuel oil and oil waste.

#### (Royalties to States)

H. R. 11363. Introduced by Mr. Mondell; reported by the Committee on Public Lands. This bill would pay to the states 20 percent of royalties and bonuses after its passage received from naval petroleum reserves in the states in which located.

#### MONETARY

#### (Gold Values)

H. R. 11788. Introduced by Mr. Goldsborough; referred to the Committee on Banking and Currency. This bill proposes to stabilize the purchasing power of money, and prescribes in detail conditions under which the present gold dollar value shall be replaced after June 8, 1924, by a "variable quantity of standard gold bullion of approximately constant computed purchasing power." It proposes that the quantity of standard gold bullion shall be computed on a basis of index numbers of wholesale prices by the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Computations will be on wholesale prices in January, March, May, July, September and November and the new dollar based thereon will be known as the "goods dollar." Computations would be based on not less than 75 or more than 125 commodities.

#### TAXATION

#### (Income Tax)

H. J. Res. 346. Introduced by Mr. Layton; referred to the Committee on Ways and Means. It proposes an amendment to the Constitution providing as follows: "The Congress shall have no power to lay and collect taxes on incomes, or to lay and collect any other direct tax, except to defray the expenses of actual war, and to discharge any debt now existing or thereafter incurred in the prosecution of war."

#### (State Lands)

H. R. 11789. Introduced by Mr. Raker: referred to the Committee on Public Lands. This bill proposes that the government shall pay the states, in lieu of taxes which the states would otherwise receive, on lands of the United States within the states. It provides that the government shall pay to the states money equivalent to that which states would receive from taxation of lands held by the government in the states, if such lands were owned by individuals. It is provided that lands shall be assessed at a rate not higher than that of other similar lands in the state, and also that the assessed valuation shall not be higher than the tax rate on assessed value of other similar lands in the state. Administration of the law would be under the Secretary of the Interior who would certify to the states the character of all government lands therein, and the payment to the states by the Treasury Department.

## LABOR

#### (Wages)

H. R. 11956. Introduced by Mr. Hull; referred to the Committee on Labor. This bill creates a board to adjust yearly the wages of employes of government navy yards and arsenals. The board will be composed of 12 members of whom six would be chosen by the navy yard employes and three each by the Secretaries of War and Navy. The board would annually establish a fair and reasonable wage for all classes of employes of navy yards and arsenals, effective for one year. In determining wages the board would take into consideration the following conditions:

The maintenance of a standard of living for the worker and his family which will insure health and decency;

The relation between wages and cost of living;

The average change in per capita productivity of manufacturing industries in the United States over a period covering the preceding five years;

The progress made in per capita production in manufactories in the United States since 1900 which has not already been reflected in increased wages;

The training and skill required;

The degree of responsibility; and

Inequalities of increases in wages or of treatment the result of previous wage orders or adjustments.

#### (Child Labor)

H. R. 11707. Introduced by Mr. Huddleston; referred to the Committee on Interstate Commerce. This bill seeks to regulate interstate commerce in the products of child labor by making it unlawful to place in interstate commerce "any product of any mine or any manufactured article in the production of which the labor of children under fourteen years of age has been used, without notice of such fact being conspicuously placed thereon by tag, marker, or other means." The bill gives the Interstate Commerce Commission authority to adopt regulations thereunder. Violation of the law would subject the offender to a fine of not more than \$1,000 or not more than one year imprisonment, or both.

H. J. Res. 234. Introduced by Mr. Nolan; referred to the Committee on Judiciary. It proposes an amendment to the Constitution giving Congress power to regulate or prohibit throughout the United States the employment of children under eighteen years of age.

H. J. Res. 332. Introduced by Mr. Perlman; referred to the Committee on Judiciary. It proposes an amendment to the Constitution giving Congress power to regulate or prohibit throughout the United States the employment of children under eighteen years of age.

H. J. Res. 340. Introduced by Mr. Tague; referred to the Committee on Judiciary. This bill proposes an amendment to the Constitution providing that Congress shall have power to regulate, limit, or prohibit throughout the United States and all territory subject to the jurisdiction thereof the employment of persons under eighteen years of age.

## WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

#### (Government Control)

H. R. 11829. Introduced by Mr. Vestal; referred to the Committee on Coinage, Weights and Measures. This bill proposes government regulation and control of the manufacture, sale and use of weights and measures and of weighing and measuring devices. It empowers the Bureau of Standards of the Department of Commerce to pass upon each type of weight and measure for use in

trade and commerce and to approve and disapprove of weights and measures. To meet government approval the weights and measures must conform to or give correct results in terms of standard weights and measures and values derived therefrom; must be reasonably permanent in indication and adjustment; and must not facilitate the perpetration of fraud. Upon approval of a type of weight or measure, the Bureau shall issue a certificate to that effect while if a type is disapproved, opportunity would be given to submit a new application for approval. Provision is made for appeal to the Secretary of Commerce from decisions of the Bureau as well as to the Court of Appeals of the District of Columbia whose decision, however, shall be final. It is proposed that the act shall become effective July 1, 1923, but one year thereafter is allowed before the use of the measure or weighing device not approved by the department would be prohibited.

#### (Decimal System)

H. R. 11733. Introduced by Mr. Colton (by request); referred to the Committee on Coinage, Weights and Measures. This bill proposes to establish a standard decimal system of weights and measures for the United States, which the bill prescribes in detail.

## ALASKA

## (Supreme Court)

H. R. 11905. Introduced by Mr. Sutherland; referred to the Committee on Judiciary. This bill proposes the establishment of a Supreme Court for Alaska, consisting of a Chief Justice and three associate justices composed of the judges of the District Court of Alaska.

## **MERCHANT MARINE**

(Ship Subsidy)

S. 3217. Introduced by Mr. Jones of Washington; referred to the Committee on Commerce.

H. R. 10644. Introduced by Mr. Greene, of Massachusetts; reported by the Committee on Merchant Marine.

These bills propose a subsidy, based on tonnage, to American ship owners and operators, designed to build up the American merchant marine. Committees held extended hearings thereon, and the President is anxious that Congress shall take action on this matter at this session.

#### TRANSPORTATION

(Cape Cod Canal)

H. R. 11674. Introduced by Mr. Winslow; reported to the House by the Committee on Interstate Commerce. This bill provides for the purchase by the government of the Cape Cod Canal property, at a cost of \$11,500,000.

## NEW CAPITAL STOCK REGULATIONS ISSUED UNDER 1921 LAW

UCH MISUNDERSTANDING and controversy will be eliminated by the new capital stock tax regulations just issued by the Treasury Department. An attempt has been made to clarify terms and definitions which in the part have given taxpayers considerable trouble.

The basis for the liability of a corporation to the capital stock tax is "carrying on or doing business" in the capacity of a corporation or association. The new Regulations state that no particular amount of business is required in order to bring a company within the terms of the act. "A corporation may complete its organization and sell its capital stock for cash without incurring liability, but other activities, such as entering into contracts for the purchase of property or the construction of a plant are corporate business acts, and constitute doing business. In other words, it is not necessary that a company be actually engaged in the manufacture of its intended product or that it be actually creating profit or gain to incur liability. The making of contracts, buying of materials or machinerv. constructing buildings, employing and discharging of individuals are necessary business acts leading to the more profitable end of manufacturing certain products."

The tax is imposed at the rate \$1 for each full \$1,000 of the fair average value of the capital stock in excess of the prescribed deduction of \$5,000, as under the 1918 law. The new regulations, relative to the determination of "fair average value," are more explicit than under former regulations, and are as follows:

"The fair average value of the capital stock for the purpose of determining the amount of the capital stock tax must not be confused with the market value of the shares of stock-where it may be necessary to determine such value under other provisions of the revenue laws. The fair average value of the capital stock, the statutory basis of the tax, is not necessarily the book value or the value based on prices realized in current sales of shares of stock or the value determined by capitalization of earnings.

"Form 707 provides Exhibit A for the book or fair value of the assets, Exhibit B for the market value of the shares, and Exhibit C for the value of the capital stock based on the capitalized earnings. All information called for must be given in every case where it is procurable. The fair average value of the capital stock of a corporation and the tax payable thereon shall be determined from a consideration of the data contained in the return as well as all elements and factors affecting values, which should be harmonized so far as possible in the ultimate fair value found. Fair value is required irrespective of the exhibit used or the method employed in its determination.

"EXHIBIT A.—The character of the assets is probably the most important factor in determining the reliability of the value reflected by this exhibit as being indicative of the fair value of the capital stock. If the market value of the assets be established the fair value of the capital stock is held to be not materially less than the fair market value of the net assets. Attempts to average the assets as a means of estimating the fair average value of the capital stock are not permitted.

"EXHIBIT B.—The market is regarded as a factor, but only of importance when the underlying factors upon which the market has been established are sound in all essential particulars.

"EXHIBIT C.—The weight attaching to this exhibit is largely dependent upon the nature of the business and character of the assets.

"In capitalizing the net earnings of the corporation, which should reflect the true earning capacity, the officers should use a rate fairly representing the conditions obtaining in the trade and in the locality, with due regard to other important factors, including the worth of money. But such fair value must not be greatly at variance with the reconstructed book value shown by Exhibit A, unless the corporation is materially affected by extraordinary conditions which support a lower valuation. In any such case a full explanation must accompany the return. The commissioner will estimate the fair value of the capital stock in cases regarded as involving any understatement or undervaluation

"The fair value of the capital stock, as provided under section 1000 (a) (1) of the Revenue Act of 1921, and invested capital under the excess-profits tax provisions of the Revenue Act of 1921 are not necessarily the same.

"For the purpose of capital-stock tax the fair value of the capital stock is estimated, and is predicated on present values, including actual appreciation of property, whether realized or unrealized, and such intangible assets as good will, trade-marks, and patents to the extent reflected by the earning power, whereas, for the purpose of excess-profits tax, the invested capital is based upon the actual investment of the stockholders in the corporation, irrespective of the present value of its assets. In the case of the capitalstock tax the fair value looks to the present net value of the assets, irrespective of the amount of the investment of the stockholders."

Every domestic corporation, including

so-called subsidiaries, personal service corporations and those which the law may indicate are exempt from tax, must make a return on or before the 31st day of July to the collector of the district in which its principal place of business is located. The term "corporation" includes associations and joint stock companies, whether created by statute or by contract, but not partnerships, properly so-called. The regulations relating to exemptions, foreign corporations, penalties, etc., are substantially the same as those for prior years.

#### CHANGES IN USE OF EXPLOS<sup>®</sup> VES IN COAL MINING

COAL MINING companies are rapidly substituting permissible explosives for other classes of high explosives and for black blasting powder, according to the Bureau of Mines. By so doing they are rendering valuable aid to the nationwide effort to make mining a safer occupation for the 750,000 men employed in American coal mines. In 1912, just ten years ago, only 8 percent of the explosives used at coal mines was of the permissible class; in 1921 the percentage had increased to 18; and in March, 1922, it was 21.

J. E. Tiffany, assistant explosives engineer of the bureau, now in Europe, has been authorized by the Secretary of the Interior to inspect the mining and explosives experimental stations in England, in order to compare their methods of testing with those used in the United States. Mr. Tiffany will also study the use of permitted explosives in British coal mines.

Two series of studies have been undertaken at Pittsburgh, Pa., by the bureau in connection with electrical shot firing methods in mines. The first problem is the relative danger of firing shots with iron and copper "leg" electric detonators, which has a possible bearing on the mine fires reported in the Utah field. The second problem is the cause of mis-fires in the firing of a large number of series shots by push-down type blasting machines in places where the leakage current through the earth is excessive.

#### GASOLINE TRANSPORTATION HAZARDS

R ESULTS of a study of the hazards involved in the transportation of natural gas gasoline, made by the Bureau of Mines, in cooperation with the Association of Natural Gasoline Manufacturers and the Bureau of Explosives, are given in a report by D. B. Dow, chemical engineer of the Bureau of Mines, which is now being distributed by the Association of Natural Gasoline Manufacturers, 821 Mayo Building, Tulsa, Okla. The investigation was undertaken at the reauest of the Interstate Commerce Commission.



# FREIGHT RATE REDUCTION AMOUNTS TO ONLY SIX PER CENT IN OPINION OF AUTHORITIES

Since announcement was made by the Interstate Commerce Commission that all rates would be reduced on July first by approximately ten percent there has been a great deal of speculation as to what this would mean to the carriers in dollars and cents and there have been numerous estimates made by all concerned. In an article recently published and signed by Dr. Parmelee, Director of the Bureau of Railway Economics, it is stated that the new rates will bring about a reduction in railway freight revenue of approximately \$240,000,000. It is further stated that the total reduction in the freight bill of the country since 1920 will approximate \$440,000,000, \$200,000,000 of which has been brought about by reductions made since the general increase -of 1920.

Dr. Parmelee finds that the level of rates after July 1st will be approximately 11 percent lower than it was after the increases of 1920 were applied. Of this 11 percent only 6 percent will be brought about by the decision just rendered, because the carriers have already by voluntary reductions and by compliance with opinions of the Commission in specific cases reduced their revenues 5 percent.

The Bureau of Railway Economics has at its disposal more authoritative data on railroad matters than any other organization in the United States, not excluding the Interstate Commerce Commission, and its figures are generally relied upon by all concerned. It is, therefore, evident that the reduction recently ordered by the Commission and hailed by writers generally as a 10 percent reduction is in reality only 6 percent from the present level of rates, and taken together with all reductions made since August 26, 1920, either voluntary or by orders of the Commission, it amounts to 11 percent of the basis put into effect in August, 1920, or approximately \$440,000,000.

REDUCED RATES ON IRON ORE-Following its opinion in the proceeding

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known as Reduced Rates, 1922, the Commission has issued a supplemental report finding that the rates exacted for the transportation of iron ore from ranges in Minnesota, Wisconsin and Michigan to Lake Superior and Upper Lake Michigan ports will be, on and after July 1, 1922, unjust and unreasonable to the extent that they may exceed 90 percent of the existing rates.

The first opinion of the Commission required that all rates which were increased by authority of the proceeding known as Increased Rates, 1920, should be reduced by specific amounts, but the rates on iron ore were not included because the Commission in its report in 1920 concluded that no increases were justified at that time. The second opinion gives to iron ore shippers approximately the same reduction as other commodities were afforded in the original opinion.

RAILWAY WAGES-The United States Railroad Labor Board has, from time to time during the past month, announced various decisions which are estimated to result in reductions in wages of something over a million railway employes and to amount in one year to approximately \$140,000,000. Following as they did the decision of the Interstate Commerce Commission requiring reduced rates, it is important to note that more than half of the revenue which the carriers expect to lose will be made up by these reductions in wages. With a normal resumption of traffic it is not improbable that the other half of the reduction required by the Commission will be made up by the revenue from increased tonnage, and consequently the predictions and expressed fears of the Railway Executives will probably not be fulfilled. However, that is another story.

The various unions affected by the latest wage reductions are at this writing taking a strike ballot, and the news-

papers indicate from day to day that approximately 95 percent of all the men concerned are in favor of a walk-out. Once again we are faced with the threat of a tie-up in transportation, and this time we are told that the miners' unions will affiliate with the railroads for the purpose of forcing the public to its knees. When the threatened strike was averted in October of last year it was stated in these columns that no real settlement had been made and that the action taken at that time merely postponed the inevitable clash. Once again we express the opinion that there will be no general tieup of the railroads of this country, although some of the unions may take their men out and we may have a situation similar to the one brought about by the switchmen's strike in the spring of 1920. As is usual in these crises, there is a loophole. The carriers have, since the termination of Federal control, contracted with outside shops for a large amount of their repair and construction work, and the unions are very much opposed to this practice. The Commission has investigated and reported unfavorably in some instances, but the carriers are still of the opinion that they are within their legal rights. It is quite possible that this practice will nevertheless be discontinued, and if it is the unions will hail such a step as a victory.

Meanwhile, the employes will have to make their fight with the knowledge that the new wages prescribed for them by the Labor Board are much higher than those in effect when Federal control terminated and much higher than those paid for similar work in other industries.

COAL MINE RATINGS—The Commission has just announced a general investigation for the purpose of establishing just and reasonable rules, regulations and practices of all carriers in the country with respect to the distribution of cars to coal mines other than anthracite, for coal loading, and the ratings of such mines as the basis for the distribution of cars thereto.

This question has been the subject of numerous investigations, and at the present time the Car Service Division of the American Railway Association has in effect a set of rules and regulations which is very similar to the one inherited from the Railroad Administration. That organization, however, has submitted to the Commission a proposed revision of its rules, and representatives of the National Coal Association have joined with the Car Service Division in recommending the revision, although this organization does not agree, in every instance, that the rules proposed embody all that it might desire.

The investigation now being conducted by the Commission, known as "In Re Distribution among Coal Mines of Privately Owned Cars and Cars for Railroad Fuel," has been consolidated with this new investigation, and the initial hearing will be held in Washington before Commissioner Aitchison, at 9 o'clock A. M., on July 17.

CLAIMS AGAINST THE RAILROAD ADMINISTRATION-The General Solicitor of the Railroad Administration has issued a circular calling attention to the importance of so handling claims of all kinds in favor of the Director General as to prevent the running of any applicable state or Federal Statute of Limitations. This circular is addressed to all the carriers who were under Federal control, and asks them to forward to the General Solicitor, for advice, any claims regarding which there is any doubt. The circular concludes with the assertion that the cooperation of all carriers and officials is expected.

VALUATION-The original act, passed in 1913, directing the Interstate Commerce Commission to make a valuation of all the property of the railroads in this country, required, among other things. that the Commission find the present cost of acquisition of all railroad lands. After some years of study the Commission came to the conclusion that this value would be a highly speculative one and would represent nothing definite after it was acquired. It was also quite apparent that it would cost a great deal of money to establish anything resembling this fictitious value. The Commission at first atempted to evade this provision by showing the courts that it had no real bearing upon the final result. The courts, however, held that the law should be carried out as enacted. The next step was the amendment which takes from the Commission the necessity of finding this alleged value.

This enactment is of immense importance to the public who are paying the freight bill because rates will ultimately be made upon the valuation of the properties, and the carriers are, of course, determined to have included in that valuation every possible element of cost. It was stated in Congress that this re-acquisition cost would probably add \$1,000,000,000 to railroad land value, making, of course, a substantial difference in the amount upon which the shippers would have to pay a fair return.

#### DRILL STEEL SURVEY REPORT

A progress report to members of the Advisory Board to the Bureau of Mines and the Bureau of Standards on the breakage and heat treatment of rock drill steels and other steels and alloys subjected to similar impact stresses has been made by Dr. H. Foster Bain, Director of the Bureau of Mines, and Dr. S. W. Stratton, Director of the Bureau of Standards, covering the month of April.

On April 1, a survey was begun to determine the present status of the types and sizes of drills as related to the heat treatment and breakage of rock drill steels. Up to May 1, the followingnamed mines were visited by Messrs. F. B. Foley and H. S. Burnholz, metallurgists of the Bureau of Standards, the Osceola, Ahmeek, and Isle Royal mines of the Calumet and Hecla Company; the Champion mine of the Copper Range Company; the Mesabi Iron Company mine; the Ray Consolidated Copper Company mine; the Copper Queen mine of the Phelps Dodge Corporation; and mines of the Calumet and Arizona Company, the Inspiration and Consolidated Copper Company, the Old Dominion Company, and the Miami Copper Company.

#### NEW LOADING DEVICES

**K**EEPING PACE with the constant succession of innovations in underground loading devices intended for use in metal mines is furnishing a real task for Bureau of Mines' investigators who are charged with the duty of compiling reports on actual operating performances of the new apparatus.

Much data of interest is contained in a report recently issued by the bureau covering in detail the manner in which the latest types of underground loading machinery adapt themselves to various conditions. It is pointed out that the adaptability of a machine to a particular work depends not only upon the construction of the machine but also upon the ability of the operator to handle the apparatus efficiently.

### REPORT ON USE OF TROOPS IN MINE LABOR TROUBLES

N REPORTING to Congress the occasions upon which soldiers have been used for duty in connection with labor disputes, the War Department has cited the following instances relating to industrial troubles within the mining industry: Treadwell, Alaska, 1907 and 08; Trinidad and other Colo. mining districts, 1914; Perry Creek, Ark., 1914; guarding and preserving order at the lead and zinc mines at Flat River, Mo., 1918; Jerome, Ariz., 1918; Butte, Mont., 1919; steel strike at Gary, Ind., 1919; Charleston, Beckley and Clothier, W. Va., and strikes in Wyoming, Utah, Brownsville, Pa., Bayne, Wash., and Pittsburgh, Kans., in 1919; Gallup and Raton, N. H., and McAllister, Okla., 1919; W. Va., 1920 and disorders in the W. Va. coal region, 1921.

#### RADIO SUGGESTED AS ADAPTABLE TO MINE RESCUE WORK

**P**OSSIBILITIES of wireless telephone in connection with mine-safety and mine-rescue work has been suggested to the Bureau of Mines. The suggestion has been made that, by use of highpower sending station at the bureau's experiment stations at Pittsburgh, Pa., and Salt Lake City, Utah, messages could be broadcasted to the various mine safety offices and cars stationed throughout the country. Mine-safety programs and instructions could be sent to the various chapters of the Joseph A. Holmes Safety Association, located in the different mining centers. Aerials have been installed on trains in Germany, and it is pointed out that it would be entirely possible to build similar aerials on the mine-rescue cars of the bureau. Field engineers of the bureau have reported that the radio is already in wide use in the different mining centers.

#### NEW GAS MASK DEVELOPED

PROOF that a special type of oxygen breathing apparatus designed especially for Navy use will furnish practical protection for long periods against dangerous gases is found in the results of recently completed Government tests. It has been shown that the new apparatus can be depended upon to furnish the wearer with untainted air during half an hour of continuous work in gas-laden atmospheres, such as often exist in holds of ships when men who have been overcome must be rescued or repair work carried on. The apparatus was devised, at the Navy's request, by George S. Mc-Caa, a mine safety engineer of the Bureau of Mines.

# WIDE RANGE OF SUBJECTS PRESENTED IN LIST OF BUREAU OF MINES STUDIES

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has issued a bulletin describing a new

material handling product, the Jeffrey Belt Conveyor. This conveyor was built universally, the company announces, to

meet the demand for a light, durable and inexpensive conveyor for loading and un-

loading coal, coke, cinders, sand, gravel,

crushed stone and similar materials.

Operated by either electric motor or gasoline engine, its capacity varies from 20 to 50 tons per hour, depending upon

PERSONAL Charles Enzian, consulting engineer, Finance Building, Philadelphia, announces a special arrangement with an

expert with a national reputation in

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and Reading Coal and Iron Company, wooded areas being worked over in such a manner as to minimize possibilities of forest fires, with no portion of cut timber

The company is trying to build up public opinion in favor of forest conser-

vation and besides posting fire warning

placards liberally in the woods and other places, has been running forest protec-

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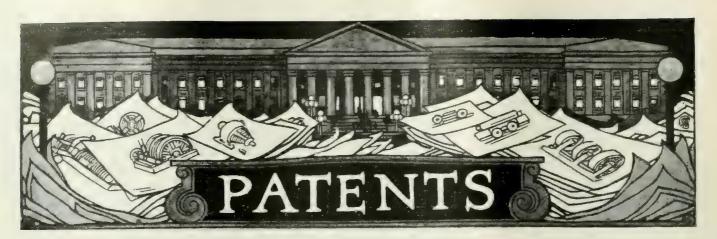
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1,408,435—J. S. . Pa., March 7, 1922. Beeneck, Nanticoke,

MINER'S BLASTING BATTERY composed of a number of cells mounted within a casing, which is water proof, the top of the box carrying binding posts for line wires, the connections being such that the cover may be raised or moved aside so that the wires will not cross each other.

1,408,607—*C.* A. Pa., March 7, 1922. A. Kloman, Bellevue,

COAL CRUSHER comprising a pulverizer in which friction between the pulerizing surfaces is entirely avoided and peculiarly applicable to coal, owing to the avoidance of such friction. The crusher comprises pairs of crusher arms and a grid which constitutes the bottom of the crusher and forms with the arms a grate for feeding a quantity of crushed material to a chute dependent upon the speed at which the device is operated.

1,408,662—F. L. O. Wadsworth, Se-wickley, Pa., March 7, 1922. Assigned to Jeffray Mfg. Co. COAL CUTTING MACHINE which gives

to the cutting devices two simultaneous movements, one a forward movement in the direction of the cut and the other an angling movement in the plane of the cut, so that the cutter element as a whole is advanced not in parallel with itself but with an oscillating or zigzag movement, by reason of which the cutting element is presented at each instance at a new angle to the surface of the cut. The forward oscillating movement of the cutter element may be automatically and continuously maintained without atten-

tion on the part of the operator. 1,408,767—D. C. Mulvihill, Hannibal, Mo., March 7, 1922. MINE CAR AXLE.

1,408,878—J. C. G Va., March 7, 1922. Gaskill, Fairmont, W.

MINE CAR BEARING AND AXLE in which the bearings are mounted in a channel bar secured to the bottom of the car in such a manner that the bearings are held in their proper position and a construc-tion of axle is provided for taking up the end thrust by a central thrust bearing in order to relieve the end bearings of the strain.

1,408.971-Richard Battey, Black Dia-

mond, Wash., March 7, 1922. METHOD OF MINING COAL involving the provision of a long line or face of coal in an inclined vein, so that when the coal is loosened, as by blasting, it will foll down the inclined particle charging will fall down the inclination, clearing the seat of operations and will be precipitated therefrom through chutes into the mine cars, permitting the operation at the face to continue without interruption and by advancing the line of face Conducted by John Boyle, Jr.

along the inclination, eliminating the usual chutes and cross cuts.

1,409,385 — A. McDougall, Duluth, Minn., March 14, 1922.

ORE WASHING DEVICE especially for iron ore, such as is found in Northern Minnesota and comprising a greatly diffused mixture of large and small pieces of ore resembling gravel formation together with atomized paint rock, volcanic ash and exceedingly fine sand. In some of these ores from ten to twenty percent are coarse pieces of better grade ore and can be easily separated by screening while the remainder, comprising the finer particles, form a mass that can only be thoroughly disintegrated by mixing with water and violently agitating the same. This is accomplished by passing the ore through a centrifugal pump, the tailings not properly separated being passed through a second pump and rewashed through the same trough.

1,409,532—G. F. Dillig, Pittsburgh, Pa., March 14, 1922.

MINING MACHINE comprising a tractor base, preferably of the caterpillar and upon which is pivotally type. mounted a conveyor adapted to be swung in a vertical plane and provided on its front end with a ramming shovel which is used to knock down hung shots, or reduce lumps too large for the conveyor to handle, and also to be inserted into or under the material to be loaded, thereby feeding the same to the conveyor. Means are provided for swinging the conveyor relative to the base, so that the shovel may be adjusted to the desired eleva-tion; means are also provided for cushioning the conveyor so as to relieve the jar on the machine when ramming, means serving also to resiliently said hold the shovel down against the floor of the mine when coal is being picked up therefrom.

1.409,558--H. Louven, Douglas, Ariz., March 14, 1922.

COMBINATION CRUSKER AND MILL COMprising a rotary drum in which the ore is crushed, the drum comprising spaced bars which form walls therefor and around which there is a detachable screen, the crushed ore passing between the bars and through the screen. A shaft extends through the drum rotating in the same direction as and at a greater speed than the drum and carrying means mauling the ore within the drum for until it is fine enough to pass between the bars and through the screen. 1,409.635-J. Wysock, Plymouth, Pa.,

March 14, 1922.

FASTENER FOR MINE CAR DOORS.

1,410,288-L. H. Falley, Kansas City, Mo., March 21, 1922.

SEPARATING AND CLASSIFYING APPA-RATUS comprising a plurality of down flow settling compartments arranged in inclined parallel and superposed relation, means for baffling the downward flow through the said compartments, means providing communication between adjoining compartments, the lower of said compartments being provided with a plurality of separate outlet openings for the discharge of the material being treated, and means for separately col-lecting the material as discharged from

said outlet openings. 1,410,425—J. T. Thomas, Fort Myers, Fla., March 21, 1922.

AUTOMATIC DOOR FOR MINES.

1,410,596-T. E. Pray, Chicago, Ill., March 28, 1922. Assigned to Goodman Mfg. Co.

MINING LOCOMOTIVE wherein the frame is such as to secure an efficient distribution of the material required for weight and strength and a connection between the frame and the parts carried thereby and the axle, such that the weight of the locomotive comes central on the axle boxes.

1,410,616-W. S. Stacy, Ashland, Ore., March 28, 1922.

CONCENTRATOR.

1,410,781-R. S. Towne, F. B. Flinn, New York, March 28, 1922. Assigned to Pneumatic Process Flotation Co.

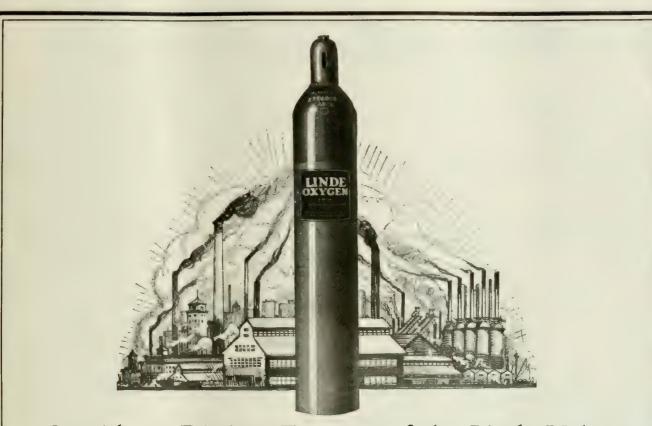
FROTHING CLASSIFIER comprising a tank having an overflow for froth, a downwardly converging permeable bot-tom, and means for delivering gaseous fluid to the tank through the converging permeable bottom.

1.410.936-E. S. Lever and C. E. Van Barnevelt, Tucson, Ariz., March 28, 1922.

TREATING NON-SULPHIDE ORE in water to the action of hot gases containing sulphur dioxide and oxygen, to produce metallic sulphate in solution, precipitat-ing the metal from such sulphate by a precipitating agent and separating the metal so precipitated.

1,410,939—J. A. McArdle, Bremerton, Wash., March 28, 1922.

HYDRAULIC MINING SYSTEM including tube having an open end to be embedded in the source of ore supply with the opposite end located in a receiving pool, agitating the source of supply at the entering end of the tube, transverse riffles arranged in the tube and a water pipe extending lengthwise of the tube and having openings leading to the space between the riffles.



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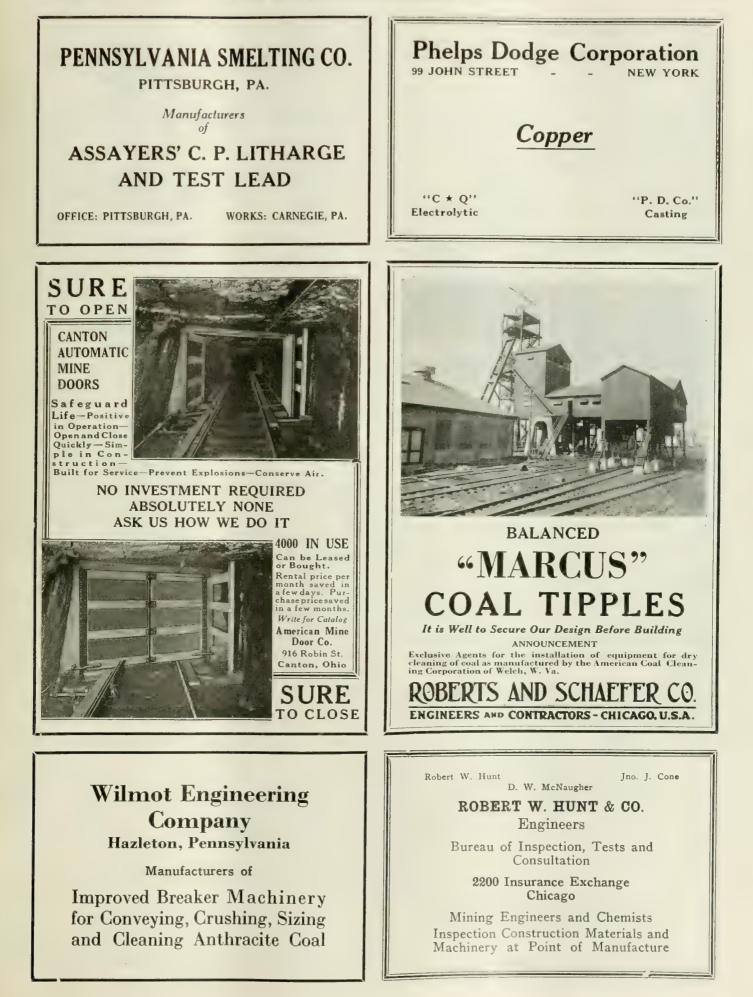
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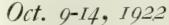
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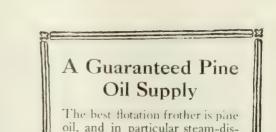
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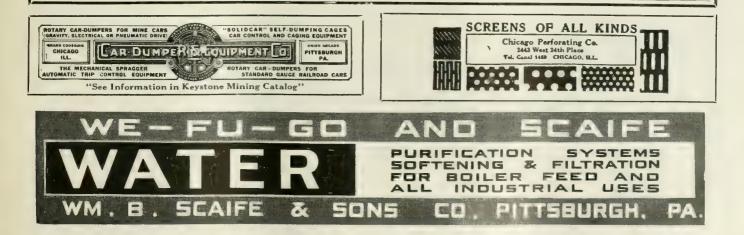
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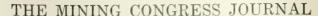
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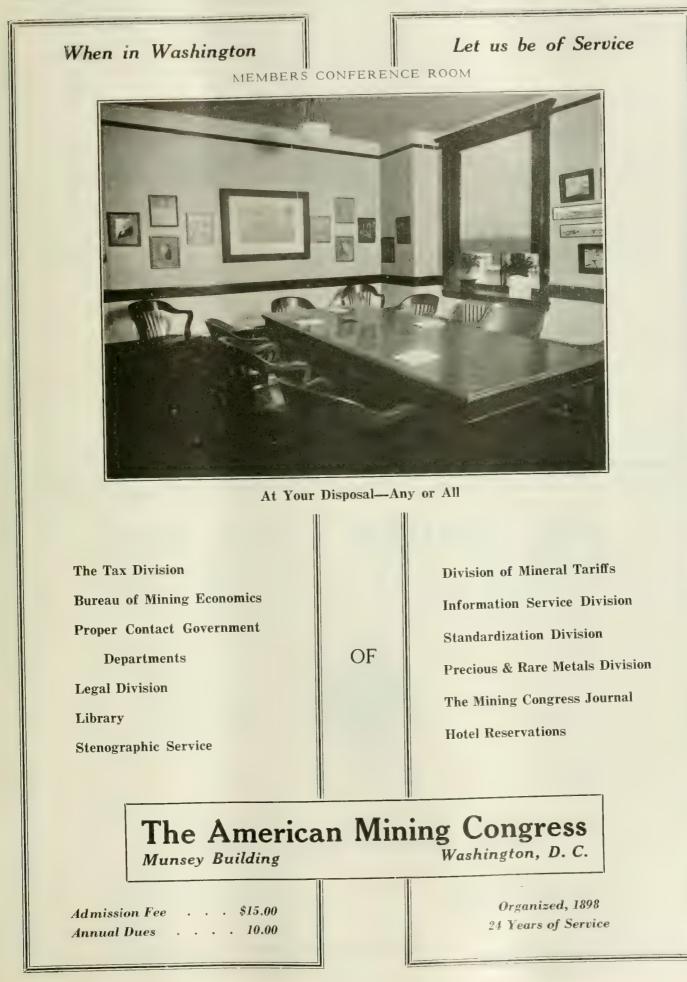
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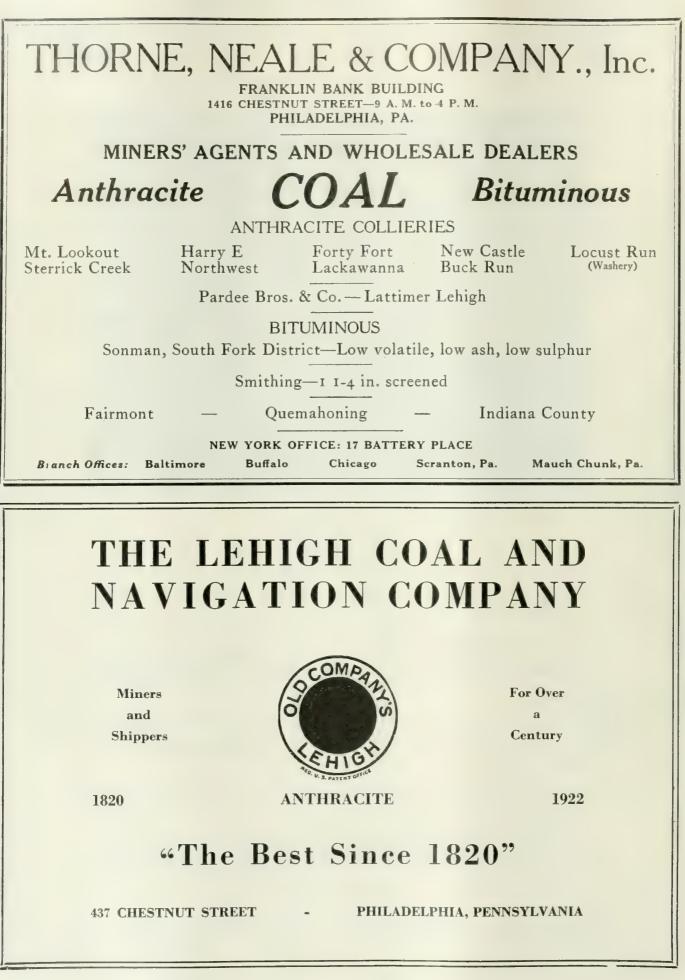
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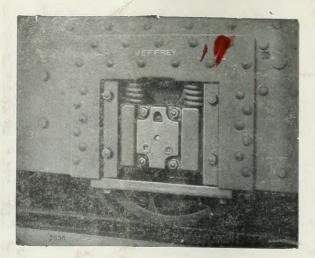
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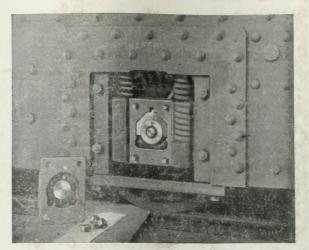
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